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HAS THE IMMORTAL PHOENIX FINALLY FALLEN!?
AND WITH A SLAM THAT SURPASSES THE OMEGA CATASTROPE DROP,
ARISTERA'S UNLEASHED HIS NEWFOUND POWER
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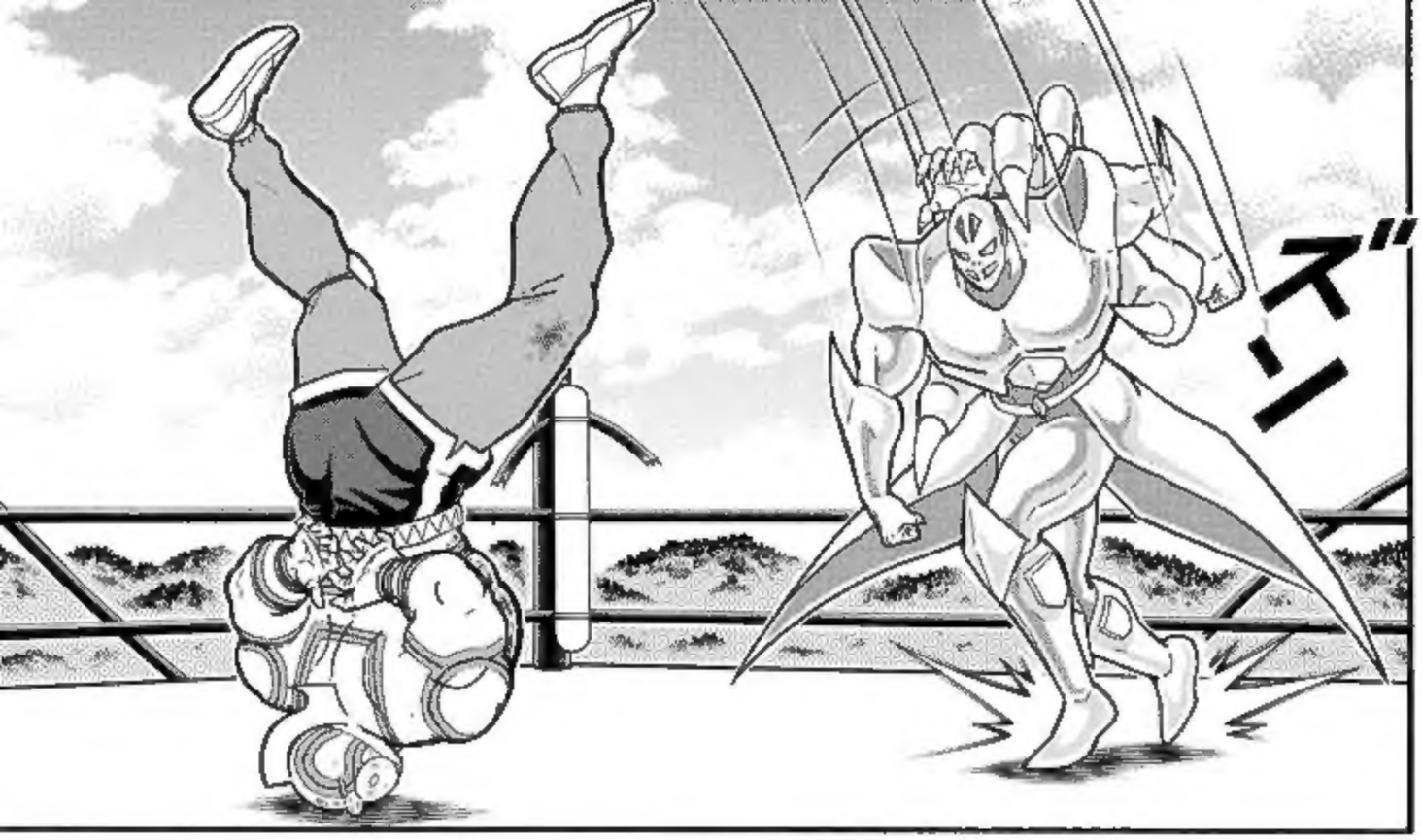
GURGH!
AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S REALLY HURT HIM!
ALL OVER PHOENIX!

Chapter 281 - The Shaking Castle! ゆでたまご YUDETAMAGO

PHOENIX'S MANAGED TO SURVIVE EVERY MAJOR MOVE THROUGH HIS CUNNING DEFENSE STRATEGY!
BUT I WOULDN'T COUNT PHOENIX OUT JUST YET!
HUOH!
WILL HE SURVIVE THIS MOVE AS WELL WITH THAT STRATEGY!?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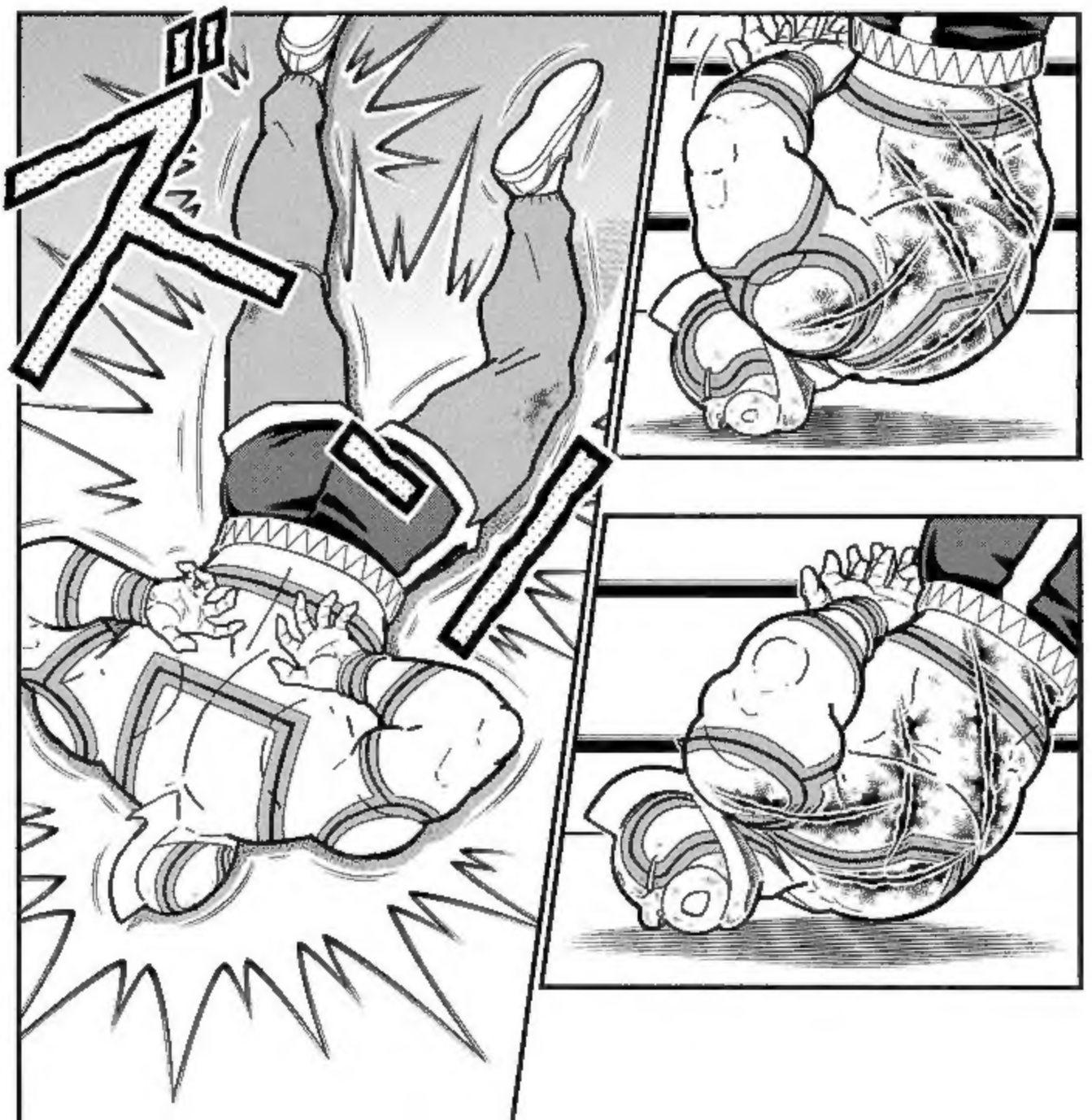
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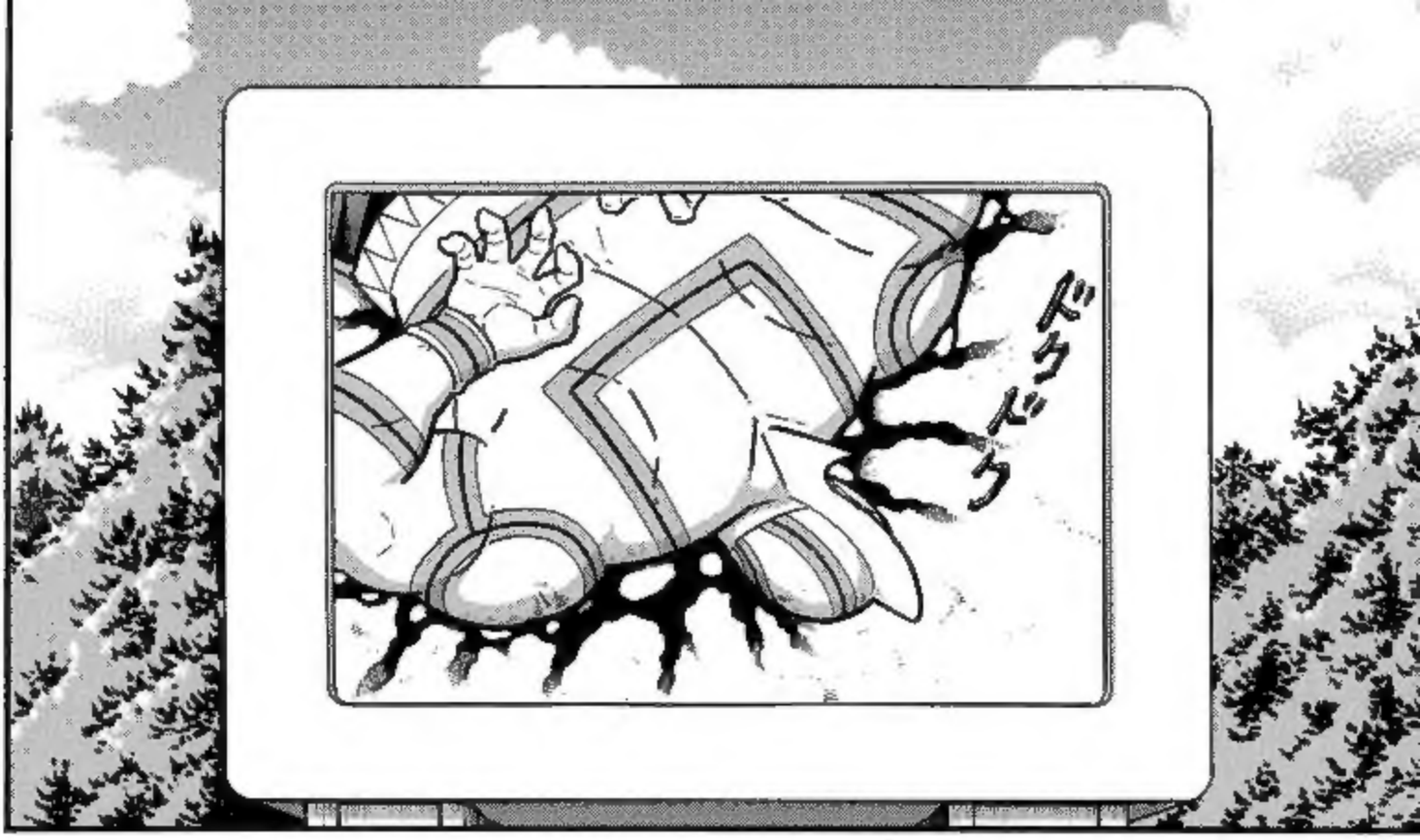
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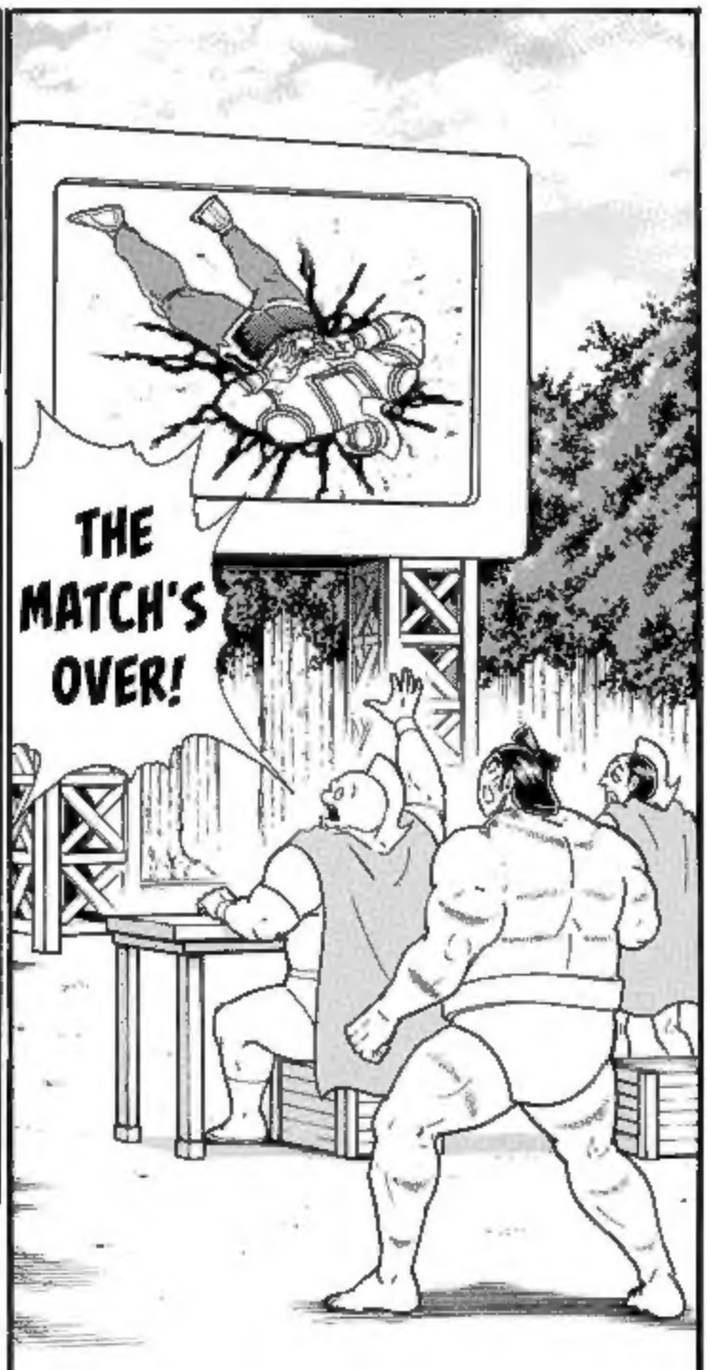
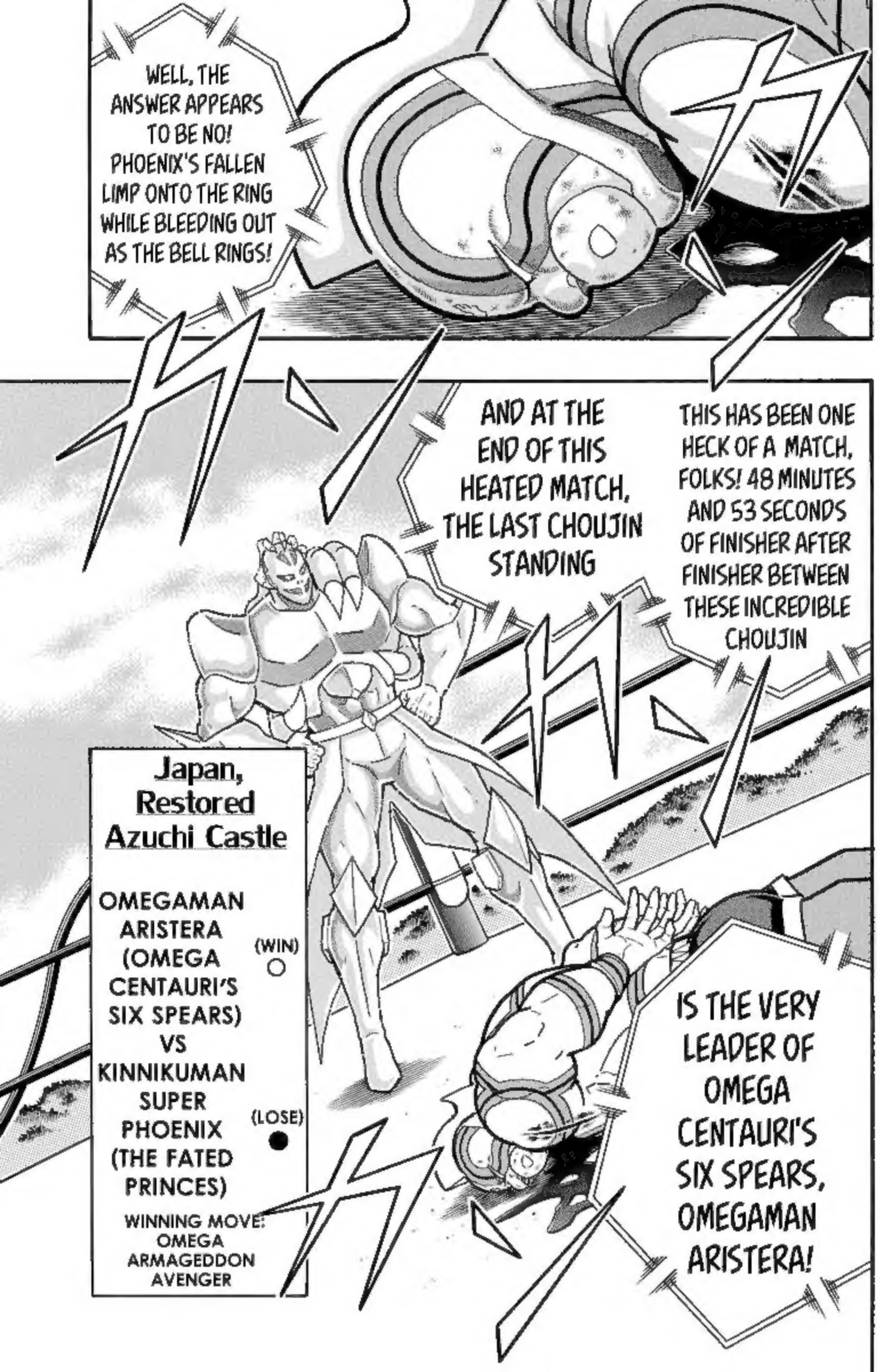
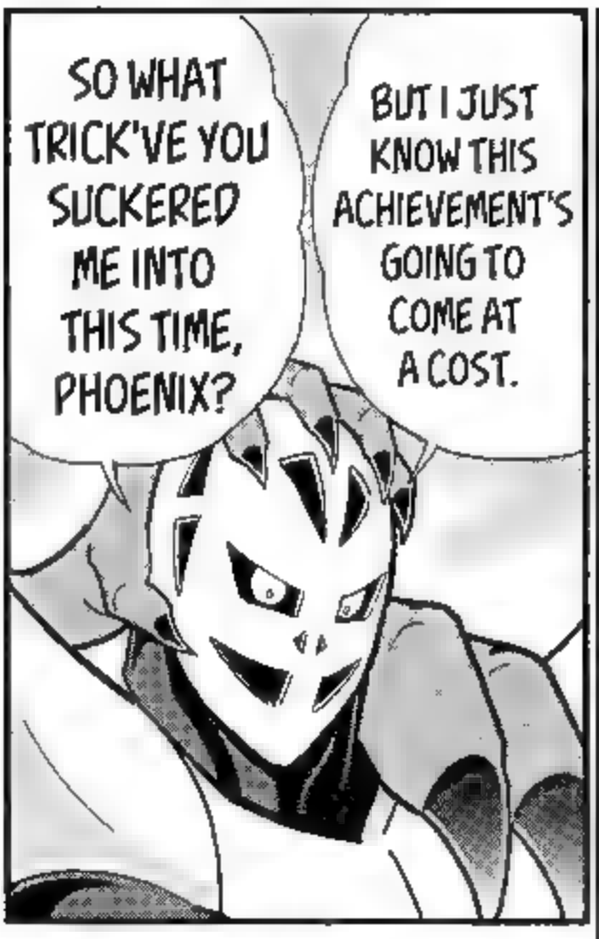
RING THE BELL ALREADY, KNOCK!
YES SIR!

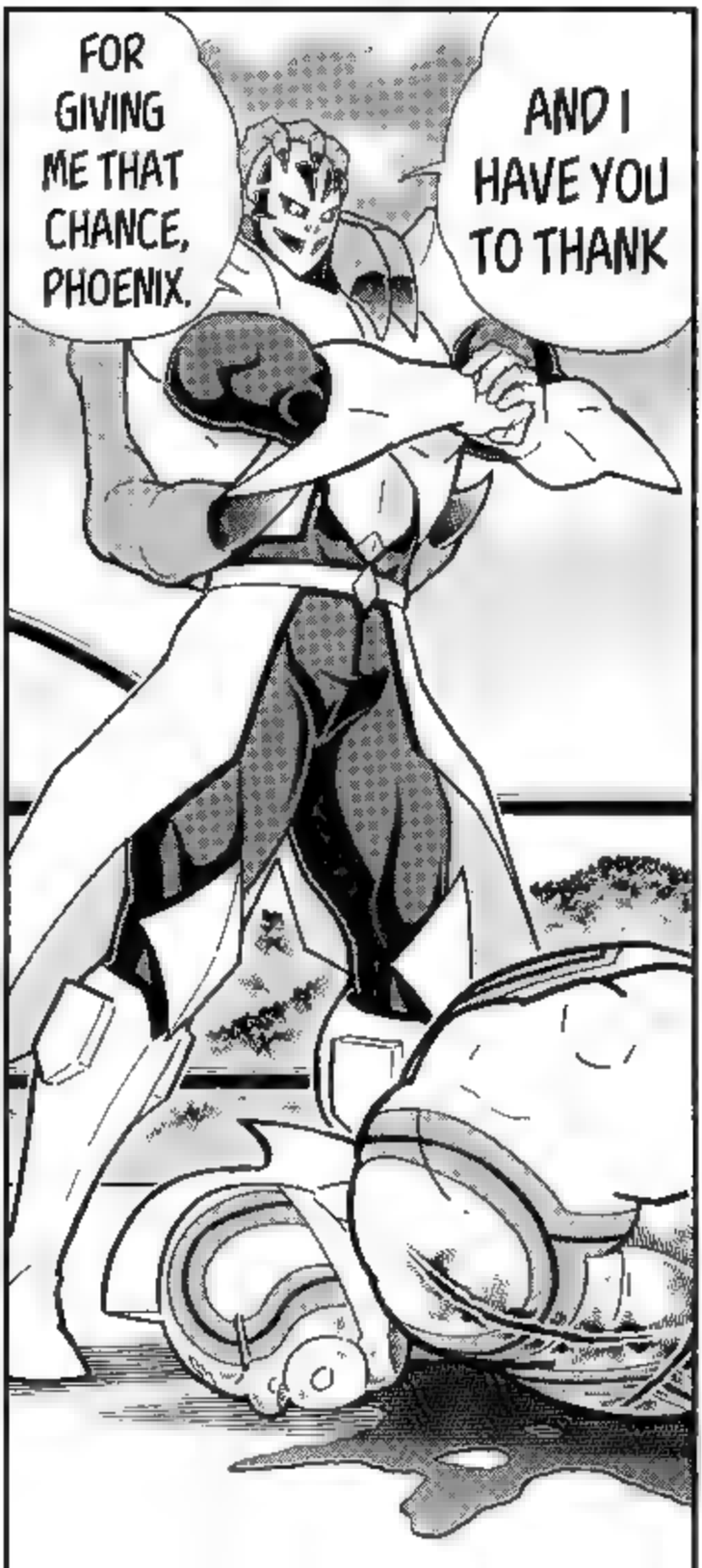

THE MATCH'S OVER!

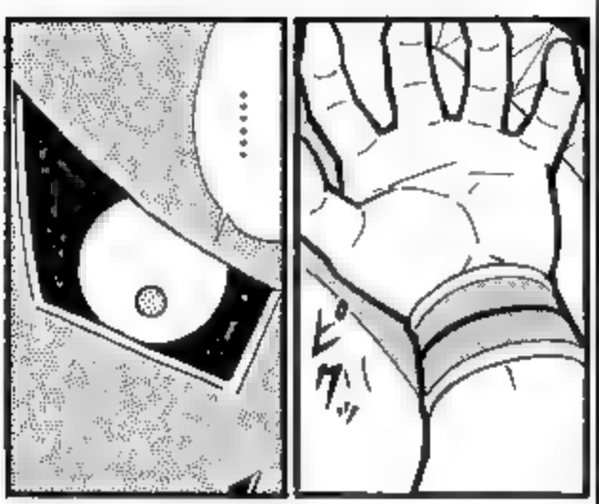

WELL, THE ANSWER APPEARS TO BE NO! PHOENIX'S FALLEN LIMP ONTO THE RING WHILE BLEEDING OUT AS THE BELL RINGS!
AND AT THE END OF THIS HEATED MATCH, THE LAST CHOUJIN STANDING
THIS HAS BEEN ONE HECK OF A MATCH, FOLKS! 48 MINUTES AND 53 SECONDS OF FINISHER AFTER FINISHER BETWEEN THESE INCREDIBLE CHOUJIN
Japan, Restored Azuchi Castle
OMEGAMAN ARISTERA (OMEGA CENTAURI'S SIX SPEARS) VS KINNIKUMAN SUPER PHOENIX (THE FATED PRINCES)
(WIN) ○
(LOSE) ●
WINNING MOVE: OMEGA ARMAGEDDON AVENGER
IS THE VERY LEADER OF OMEGA CENTAURI'S SIX SPEARS, OMEGAMAN ARISTERA!

HMM...
THE POWER'S FADING AWAY...
BUT AT LEAST I'VE PROVEN ONE MORE VITAL FACT WITH THIS MATCH.
WITH MY IMPROVED MOVE AND THIS POWER-UP...
I'LL ONLY BE ABLE TO EXCEED MY CHOUJIN STRENGTH OF 86,000,000 POWER FOR A SHORT WHILE.
SO IT REALLY IS A TEMPORARY POWER BOOST.

THE MAN!
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIGHT AND OVER-POWER


SO WHAT TRICK'VE YOU SUCKERED ME INTO THIS TIME, PHOENIX?
BUT I JUST KNOW THIS ACHIEVEMENT'S GOING TO COME AT A COST.


FOR GIVING ME THAT CHANCE, PHOENIX.
AND I HAVE YOU TO THANK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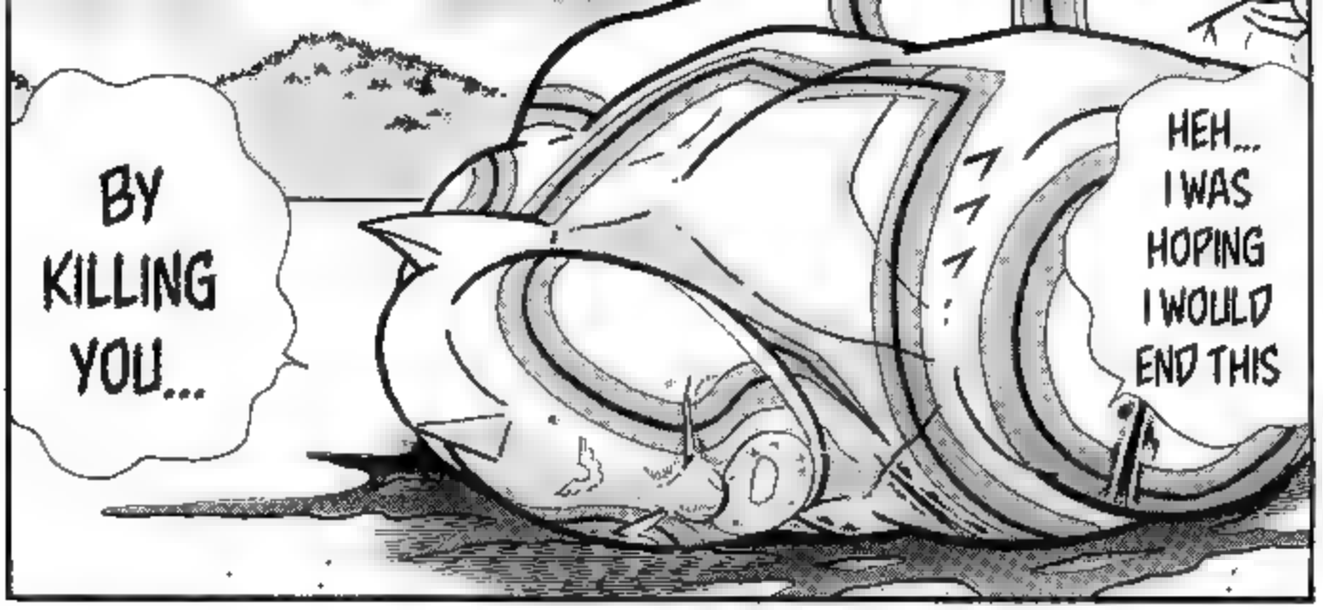

BY KILLING YOU...
HEH... I WAS HOPING I WOULD END THIS

THE VERY MINIMUM OF WHAT I COULD DO...
BUT AT LEAST I MANAGED THE NEXT BEST THING...

INTO REVEALING MY SPECIAL ABILITY AND IMPROVED MOVE.
I KNEW IT... THE MOMENT YOU KNEW YOU COULDN'T WIN, YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD AT LEAST TRICK ME
BUT... I'VE DONE WHAT I COULD...
IT'S PATHETIC... THAT I COULD ONLY MANAGE THIS AND NOT EVEN DO THE REAL JOB...

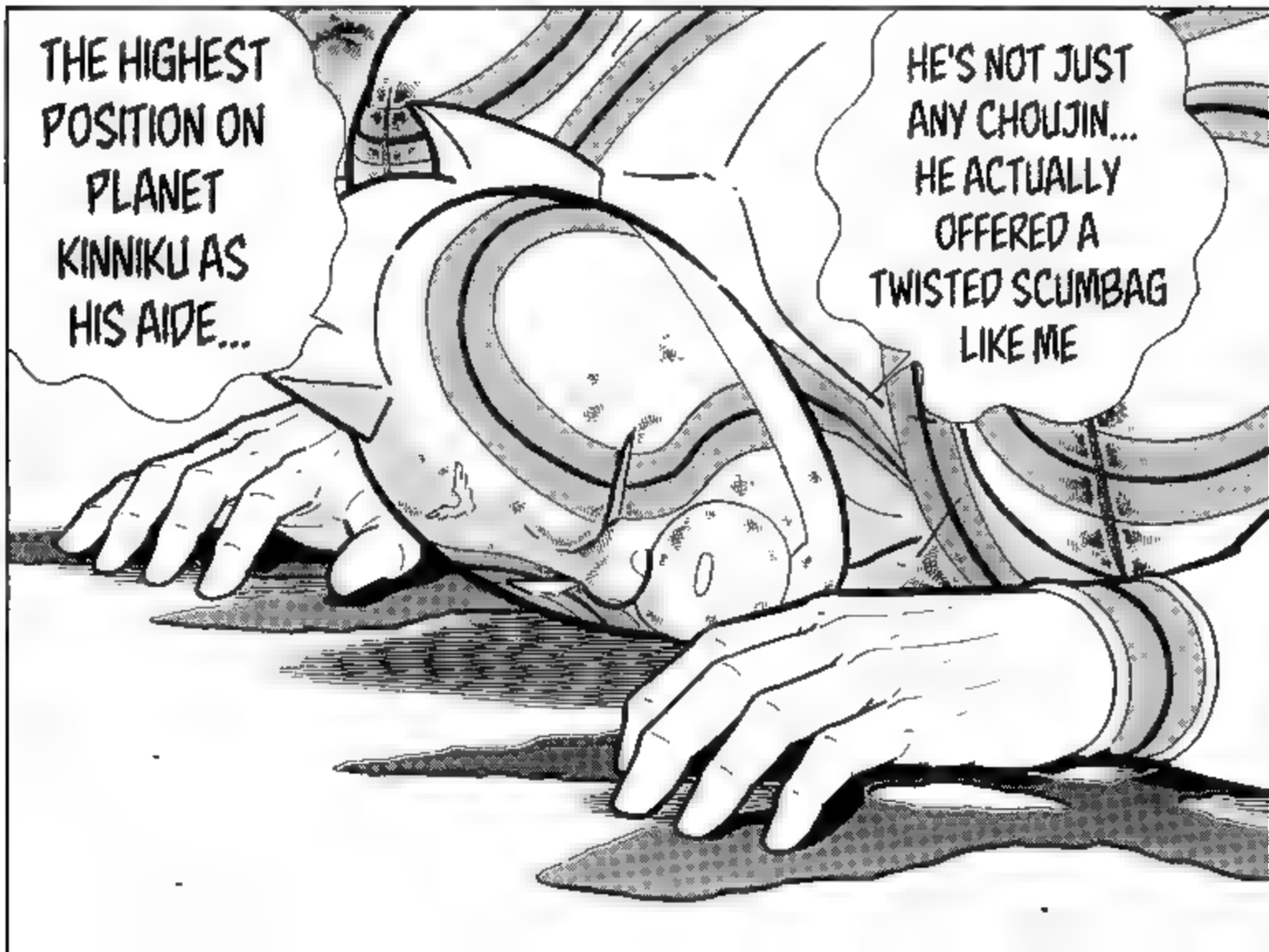
HE'S NOT EVEN A GOD YOU SERVE! HE'S A COMPLETE STRANGER TO YOU!
WHY? WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT!?
DID YOU SACRIFICE YOURSELF TO HELP THE MAN OUT!?

AND YET YOU STILL SERVE THEM!
THAT YOU HATE THE GODS AS MUCH AS US
IN FACT, I ALREADY POINTED OUT IN OUR MATCH

THAT'S THE ONE THING ABOUT YOU THAT ABSOLUTELY CONFUSES ME!
WHY'RE YOU BEING SUCH A DEDICATED SERVANT TO THEM!?

I DID THIS... FOR KINNIKUMAN...
I DIDN'T DO THIS... FOR THE MAN...

KINNIKUMAN...


THE HIGHEST POSITION ON PLANET KINNIKU AS HIS AIDE...
HE'S NOT JUST ANY CHOUJIN... HE ACTUALLY OFFERED A TWISTED SCUMBAG LIKE ME

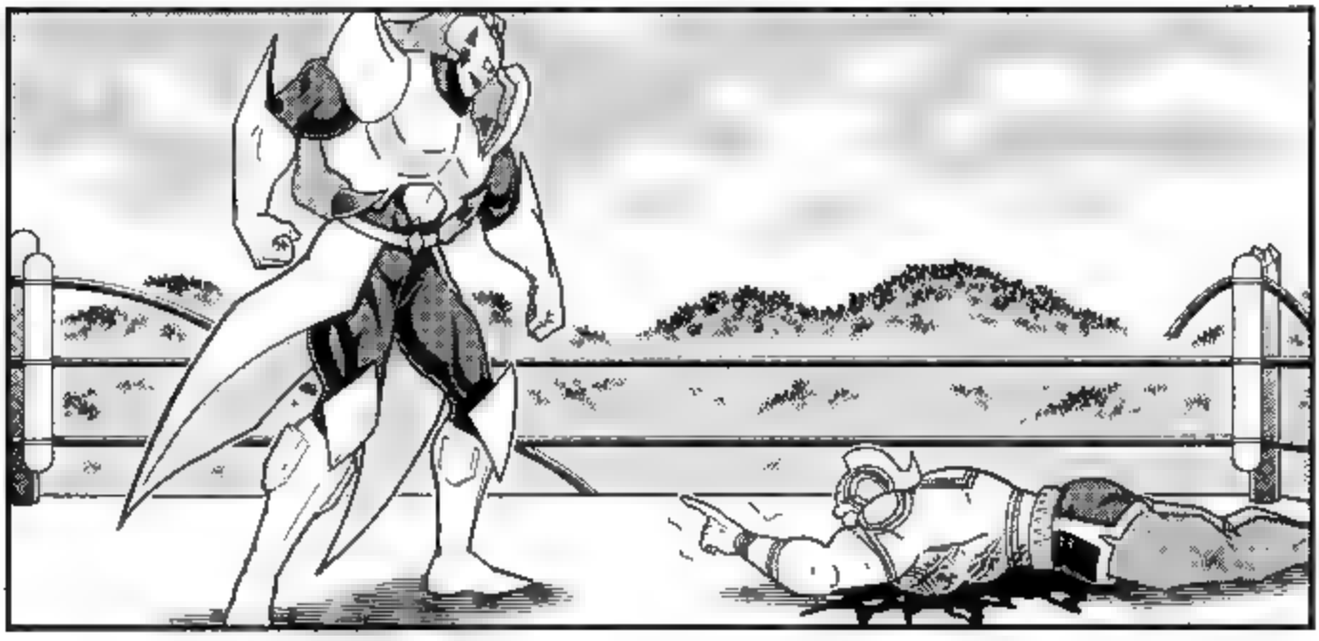
I'D BE HELPFUL TO HIM...
I THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE THE ONE CHANCE
BUT DEEP DOWN, I REALLY DID WANT TO HELP HIM OUT
OF COURSE I TURNED DOWN HIS OFFER...
UH HUH...
AS HIS BEST ROYAL AIDE...
WEREN'T AS EXAGGERATED AS I THOUGHT THEY WERE.
MY, IT SEEMS THAT ALL THOSE RUMOURS TOUTING HOW AMAZING HE IS
I KEEP FINDING OUT MORE AND MORE INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT KINNIKUMAN...
HE MANAGED TO HUMBLE AN ARROGANT CHOUJIN LIKE YOU...

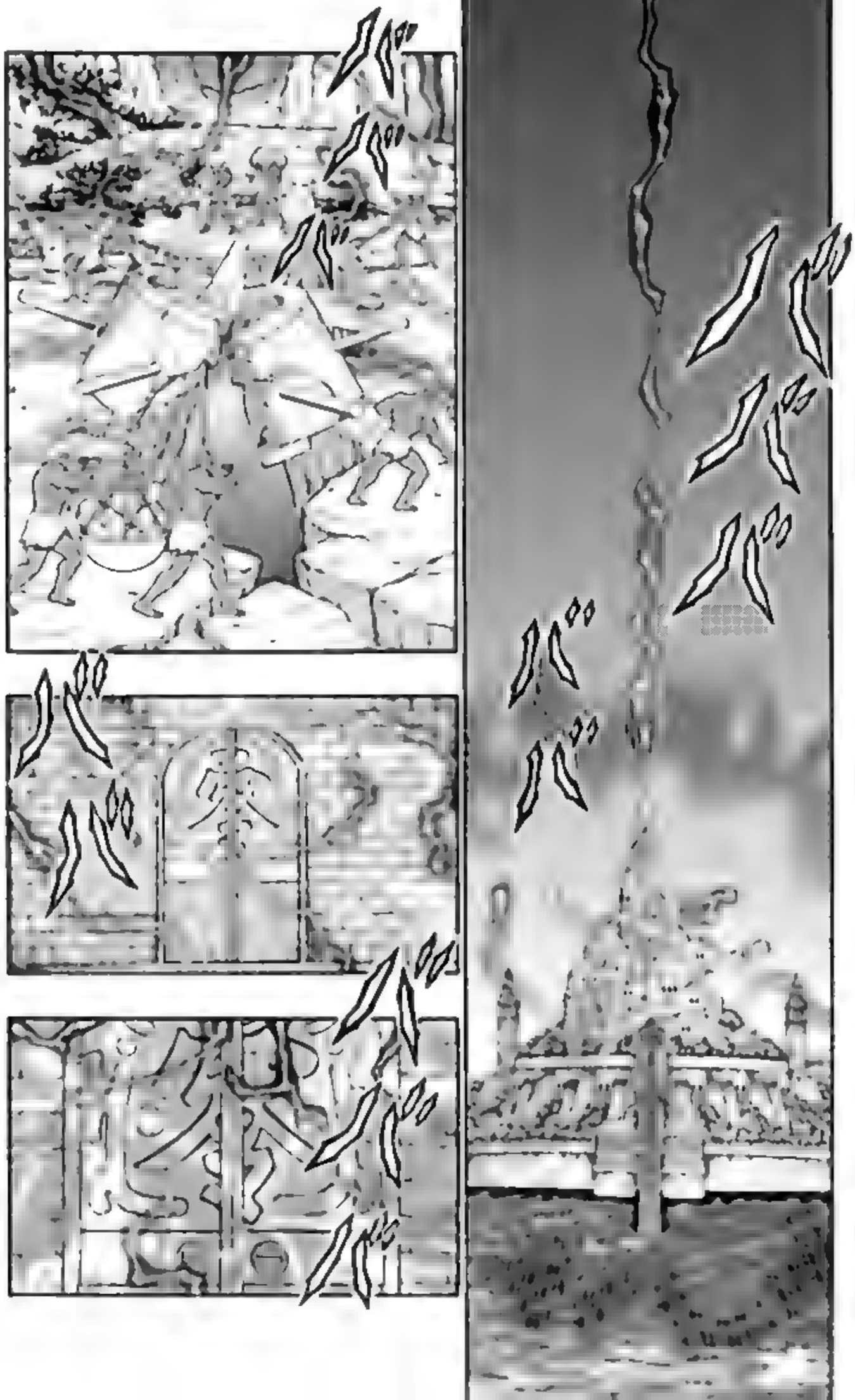
I OWE IT TO MY PEOPLE AND MY FALLEN COMRADES THAT YOU CHOUJIN DRAGGED INTO THOSE EXTRA MATCHES.
I CAN'T LET ANYTHING DISTRACT ME FROM COMPLETING MY MISSION.
BUT HE CAN WAIT. WHAT MATTERS THE MOST RIGHT NOW
IS TAKING OUT THE MAN.

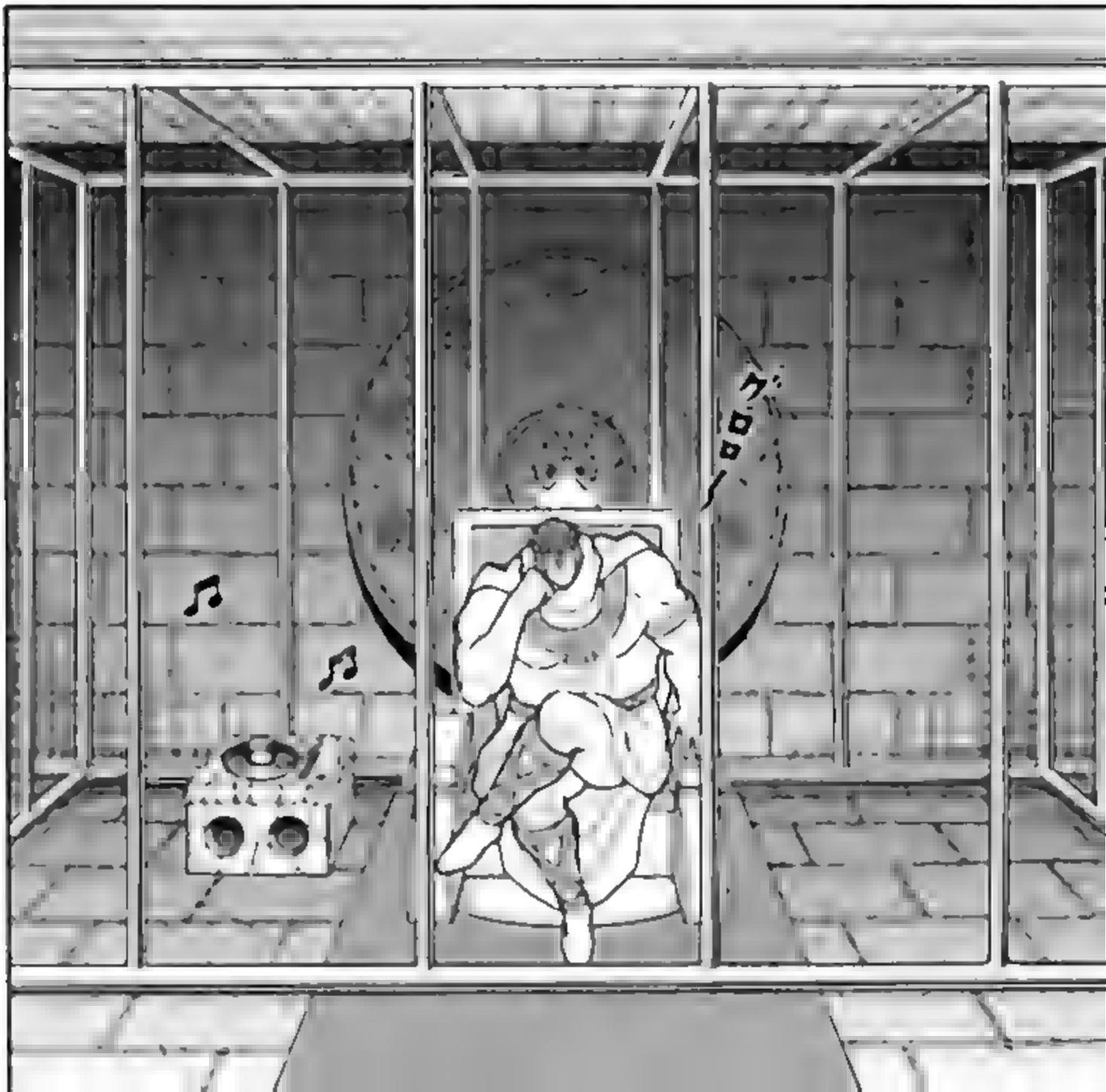
ABOUT THE MAN... THE CHOUJIN YOU ALL HATE...
Y-YOU KNOW... YOU WERE RIGHT ON ONE THING...

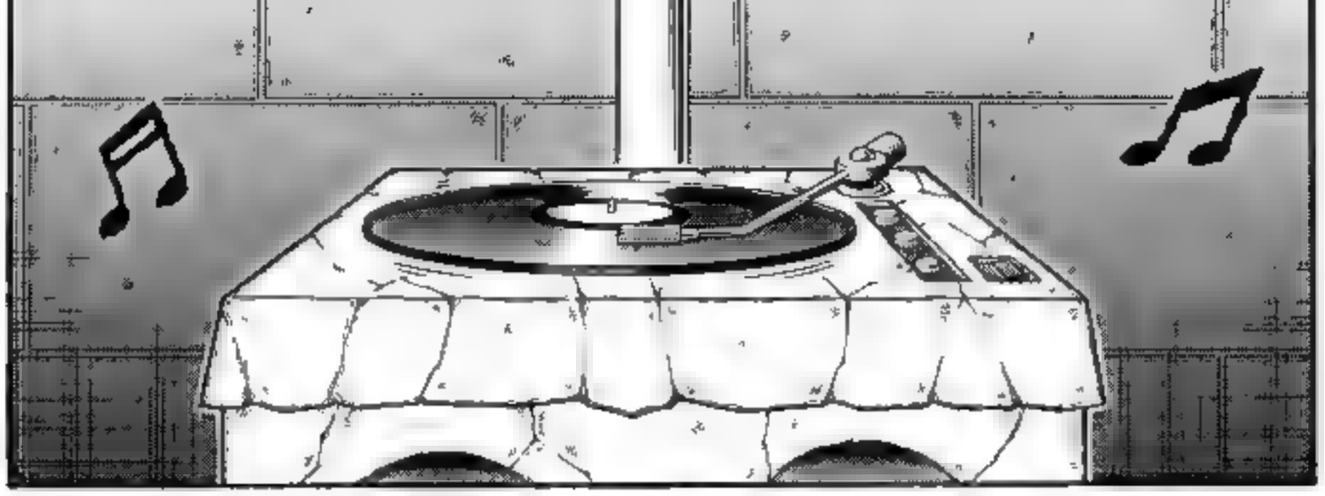
I'VE COME TO ONE STRONG CONCLUSION...
BUT FROM WHAT INFORMATION I'VE GATHERED HERE,
I'VE NEVER MET OR SEEN HIM MYSELF...
AND WHAT WOULD THAT BE?
THE MAN, ISN'T WHAT YOU MAKE HIM OUT TO BE...
IT'S THAT THE FORMER GOD HIMSELF,

HE'S YOUR FRIEND.









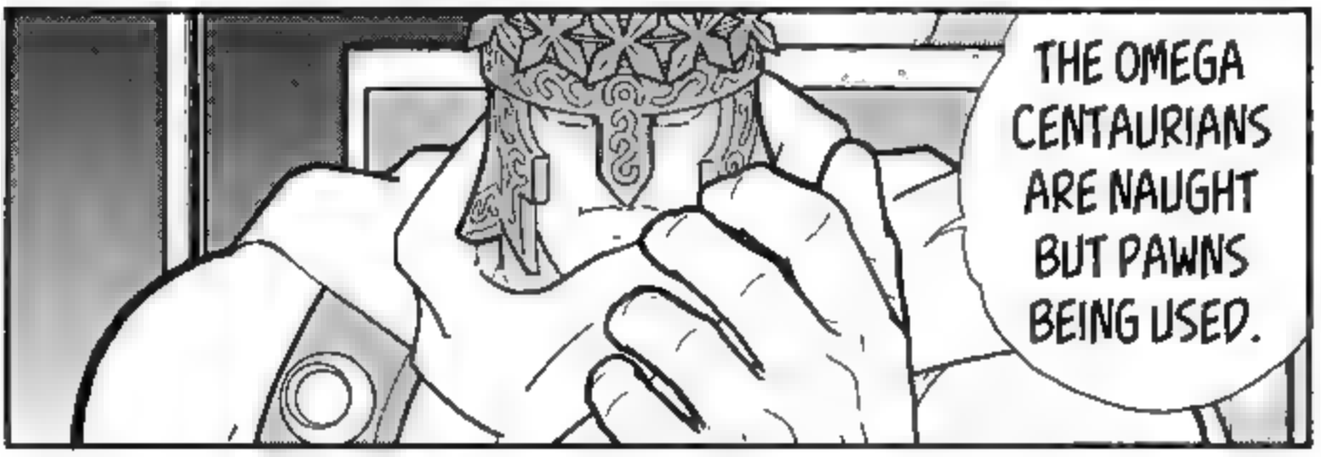
I REMEMBER THEM... I MET THEM BACK WHEN I WAS IN MY HEYDAY
WITH MY YOUNG NEW PERFECT ORIGIN...
SO THE OMEGA CENTAURIANS ARE HERE...
WHY DID YOU ACCEPT THEM INTO YOUR RANKS?
IF YOU DON'T MIND ME ASKING, LORD ENMA,

BACK WHEN YOU WERE TESTING THE OMEGAMAN TO SEE IF HE QUALIFIED FOR THE PERFECT LARGE NUMBERS,
YOU MUST'VE ALREADY FIGURED OUT
THAT HE WAS A SPY SENT BY THE OMEGA CENTAURIANS.

I'D JUST LIKE TO KNOW WHY
YOU LET THEM OPERATE IN OUR RANKS REGARDLESS OF THAT...

THE ORIGIN WERE ONLY FOLLOWING MY ORDERS.
I GAVE OUT THE ORDER TO MY EAGER STUDENTS TO EXTERMINATE THEM
AND I GAVE THE ORDER TO EXILE THEM FROM EARTH.
IT'S BECAUSE I ALONE AM TO BLAME
FOR EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED TO THEM.

WE HAVE TO GET RID OF THEM NOW!
LORD ENMA, IT'S NOT TOO LATE!
MY CARELESS ORDERS WERE WHAT WARPED THEM
WE NEED TO PROTECT THE CHOUJIN WORLD'S FUTURE!
WE PERFECT CHOUJIN ARE OVERSEERS OF ORDER IN THIS WORLD!
AND GAVE THEM THEIR LONG AND PAINFUL HISTORY.
HALT!
I'LL LEAD A CHARGE ON THEM RIGHT NOW!
THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO MOVE OUT!



AND THE RECORD SPINS ON...

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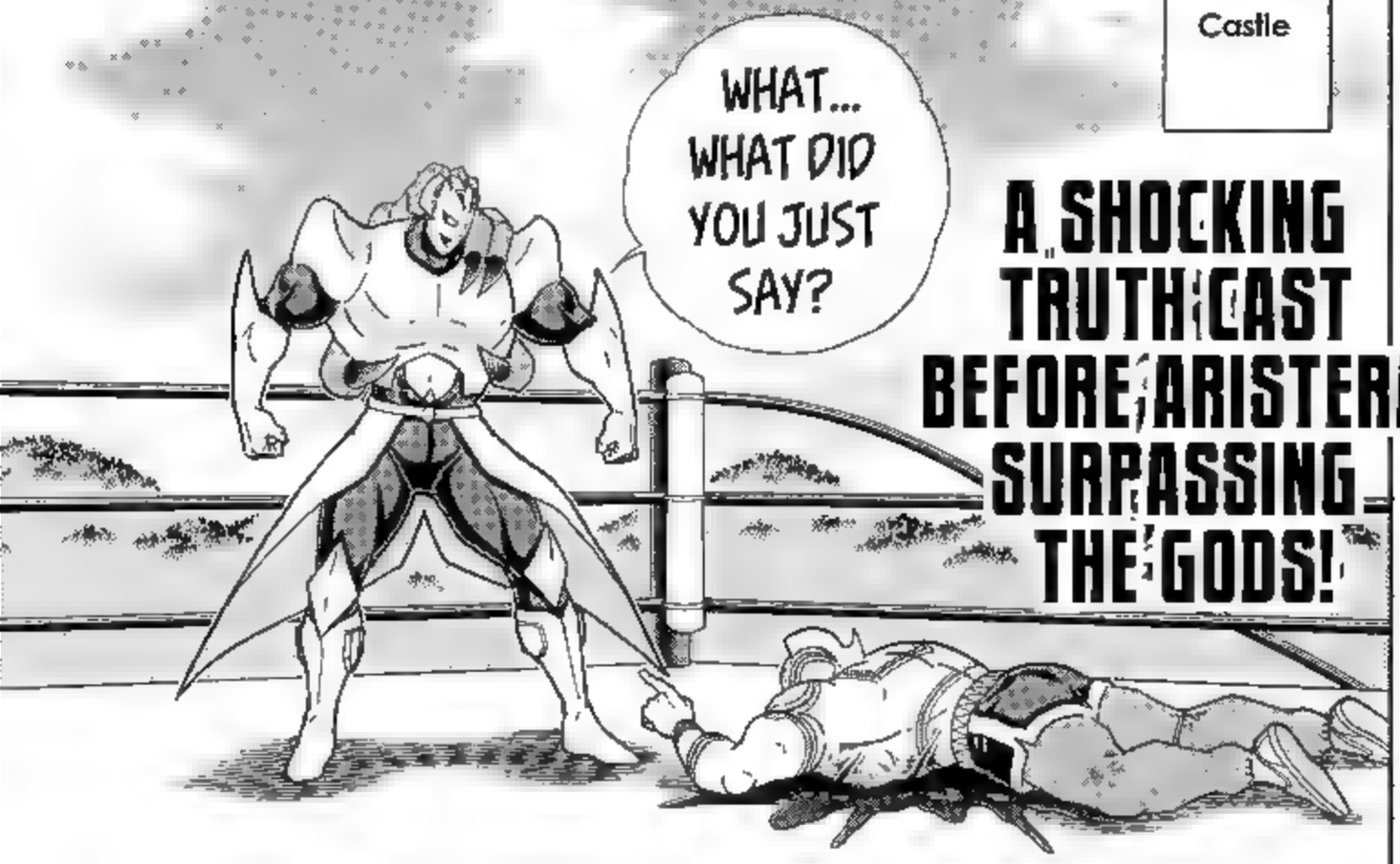
Shiga Prefecture, Restored Azuchi Castle



A SHOCKING TRUTH CAST BEFORE ARISTERA SURPASSING THE GODS!

Chapter 282 - The Godly Vessel's Declaration!

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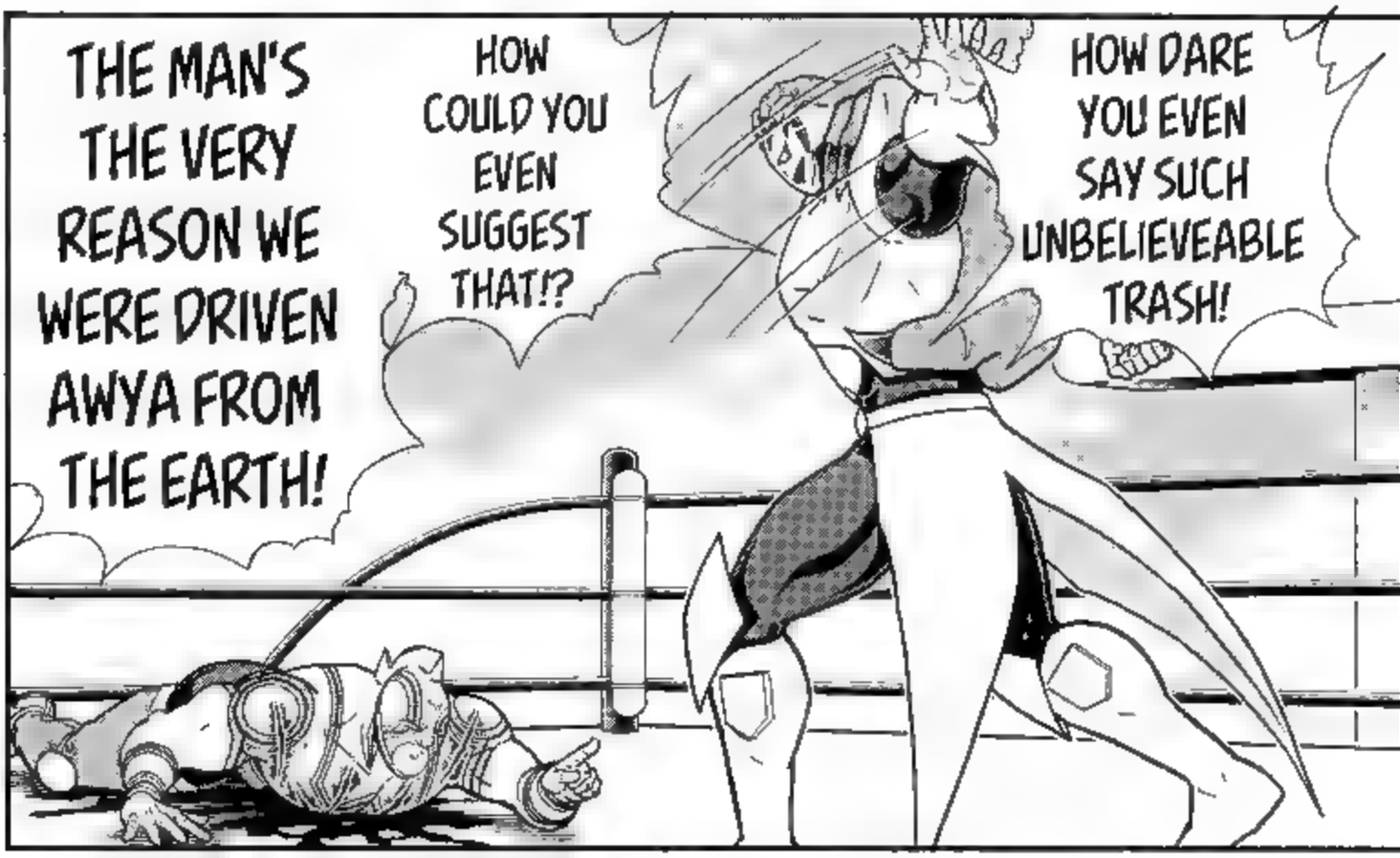
THE MAN ISN'T YOUR ENEMY... HE'S YOUR ALLY...
BUT I CAN'T SAY IT ANY CLEARER... YOU'RE MAKING A BIG MISTAKE...
I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR CONFUSION...

LIAR!


THE MAN'S THE VERY REASON WE WERE DRIVEN AWYA FROM THE EARTH!
HOW COULD YOU EVEN SUGGEST THAT!?
HOW DARE YOU EVEN SAY SUCH UNBELIEVEABLE TRASH!

WHAT MATTERS IS HOW THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW...
WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST DOESN'T MATTER...
BECAUSE I'M HAVING A HARD TIME IMAGINING HOW YOU COULD COME UP WITH SUCH AN IMPOSSIBLE IDEA!
WHAT KIND OF MESSED UP LOGIC LED YOU TO THAT CONCLUSION!?

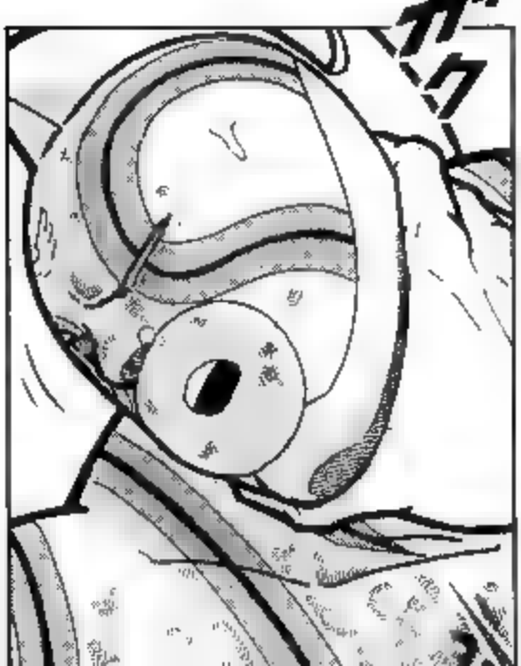
SOMEWHERE ALONG YOUR LONG HISTORY, YOU GOT TANGLED INTO SOMETHING
RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE ALL BEING MADE TO FIGHT ON THE BEHALF OF A GREATER BEING...
LIKE A SAD CLOWN BEING MADE TO ACT BY ITS RINGMASTER...
YOU WERE NEVER MEANT TO BE INVOLVED WITH.
I HAVE TO ADMIT... I'M FEEL PRETTY SORRY FOR YOU ALL...
FOR HOW YOU'VE ALL FALLEN INTO THAT TRAP...

SHUT UP!
YOU'RE TRYING TO DELUDE US! DECEIVE US! AREN'T YOU!?
NOT ANOTHER WORD!

WHAT THAT BASTARD DID TO US ALL THOSE EONS AGO!
AND IT NEVER WILL!
THAT STILL HASN'T UNDONE
AND EVEN IF YOUR MAD RAMBLINGS ARE RIGHT AND THE MAN HAS CHANGED,

WITH HIS LIFE! GOT IT!?
WE'RE HERE TO MAKE HIM ATONE FOR HIS ACTIONS
WE NEVER CAME HERE TO BE FRIENDS WITH HIM!

THAT HIS LOVE FOR CHOUJIN... IS REAL...
YOU'D KNOW THAT...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WHEN I GOT POSSESSED, IT ALL BECAME CLEAR...
YOU... YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING... DO YOU... YOU WOULDN'T BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT THE ONE WHO'S HAD A GOD POSSESS THEM...
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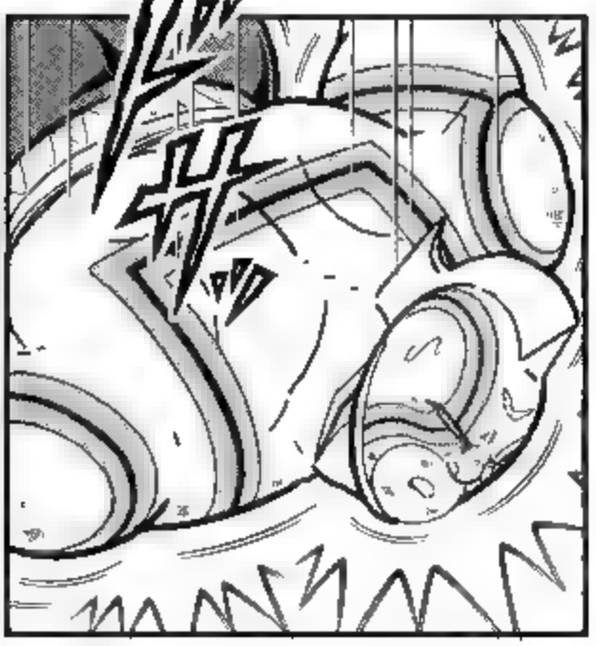
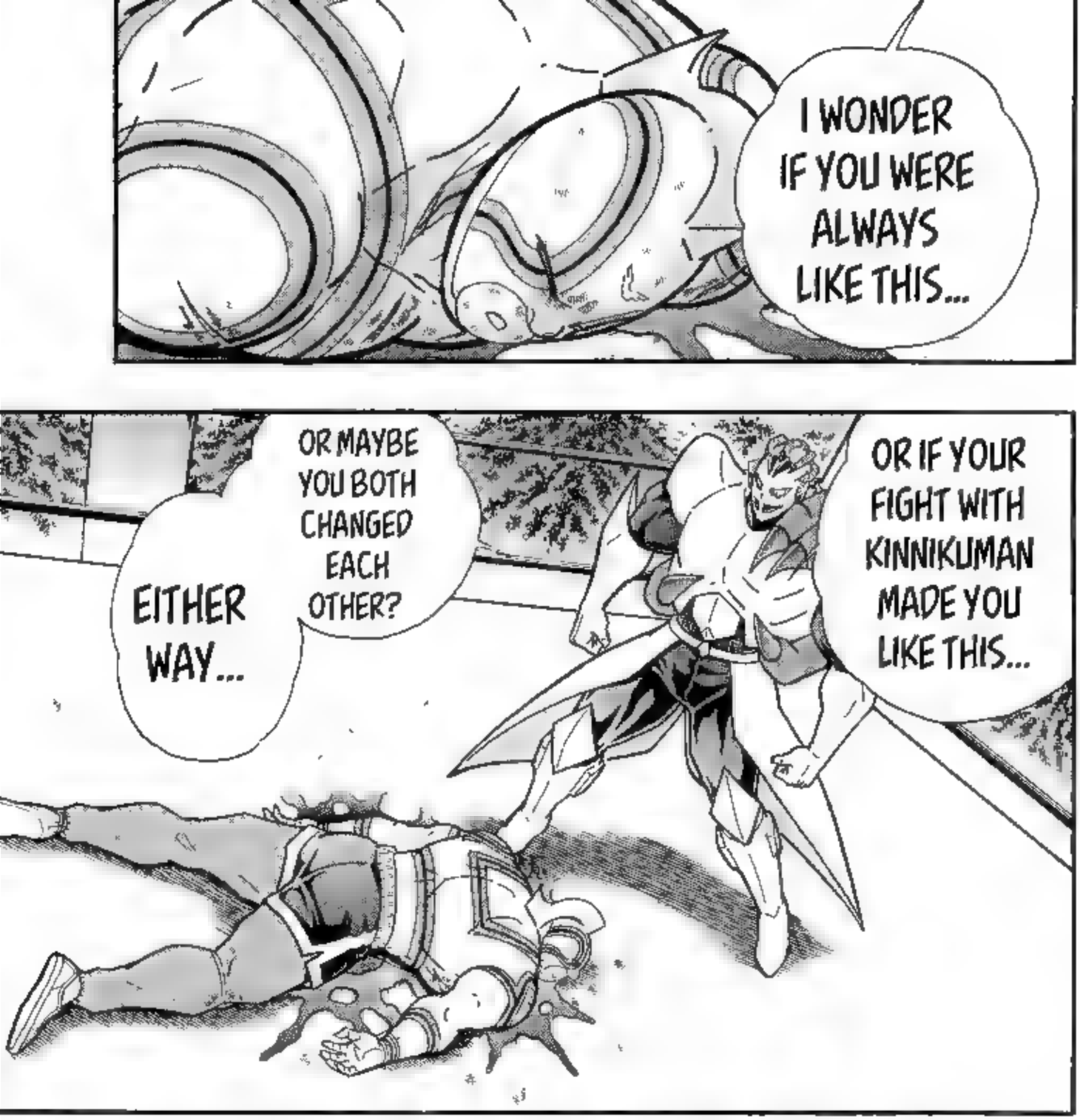
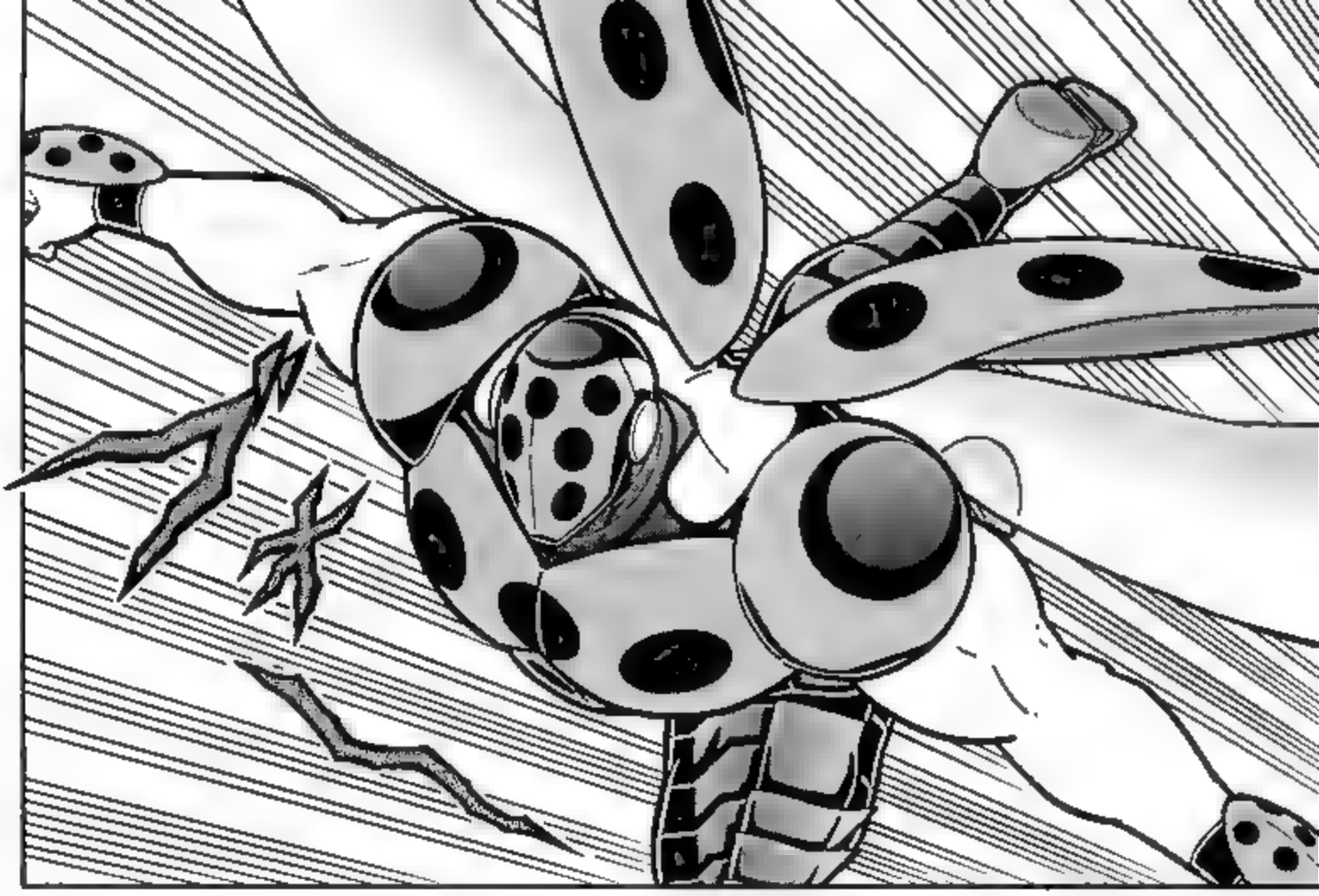
IF YOU LOT AND ALL OTHER CHOUJIN IN THIS WORLD KNEW WHAT I DID, YOU'D THANK THE MAN...

I HAVE TO SAY THAT YOU WERE A SURPRISINGLY UPRIGHT CHOUJIN TO FIGHT.
HMPH. WELL, DESPITE WHATEVER THIS RANDOM RAMBLE WAS ABOUT,



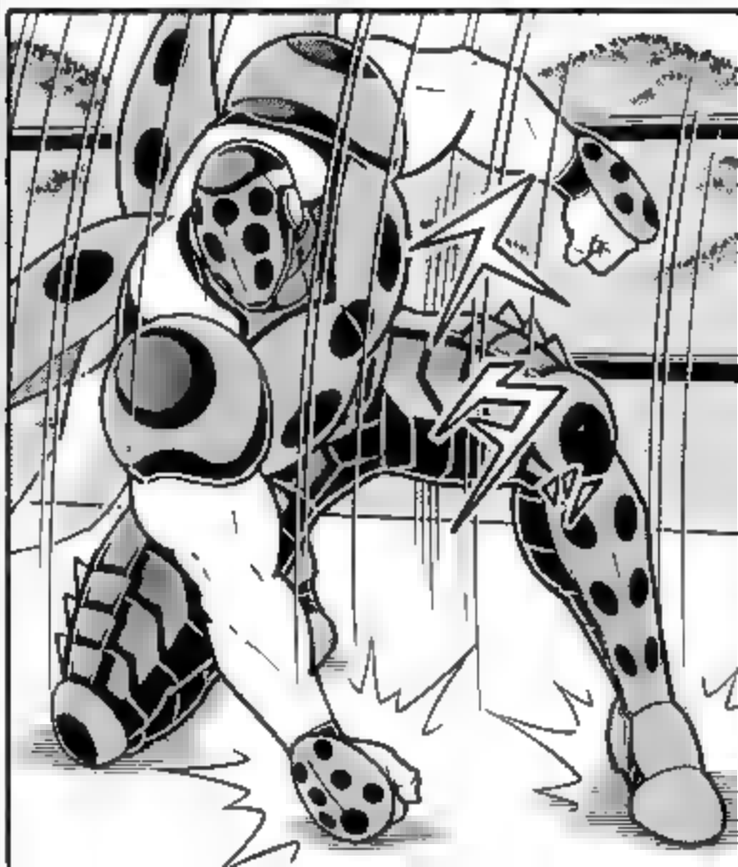

I WONDER IF YOU WERE ALWAYS LIKE THIS...
OR IF YOUR FIGHT WITH KINNIKUMAN MADE YOU LIKE THIS...
OR MAYBE YOU BOTH CHANGED EACH OTHER?
EITHER WAY...

I SUPPOSE I CAN SEE A PART OF WHAT DEXIA SAW IN YOU
THAT MADE HIM SERVE YOU DILIGENTLY.



WERE YOU AND ME, ARISTERA...
OH MAN... THIS IS AWFUL. THE ONLY SPEARS WHO MANAGED TO WIN

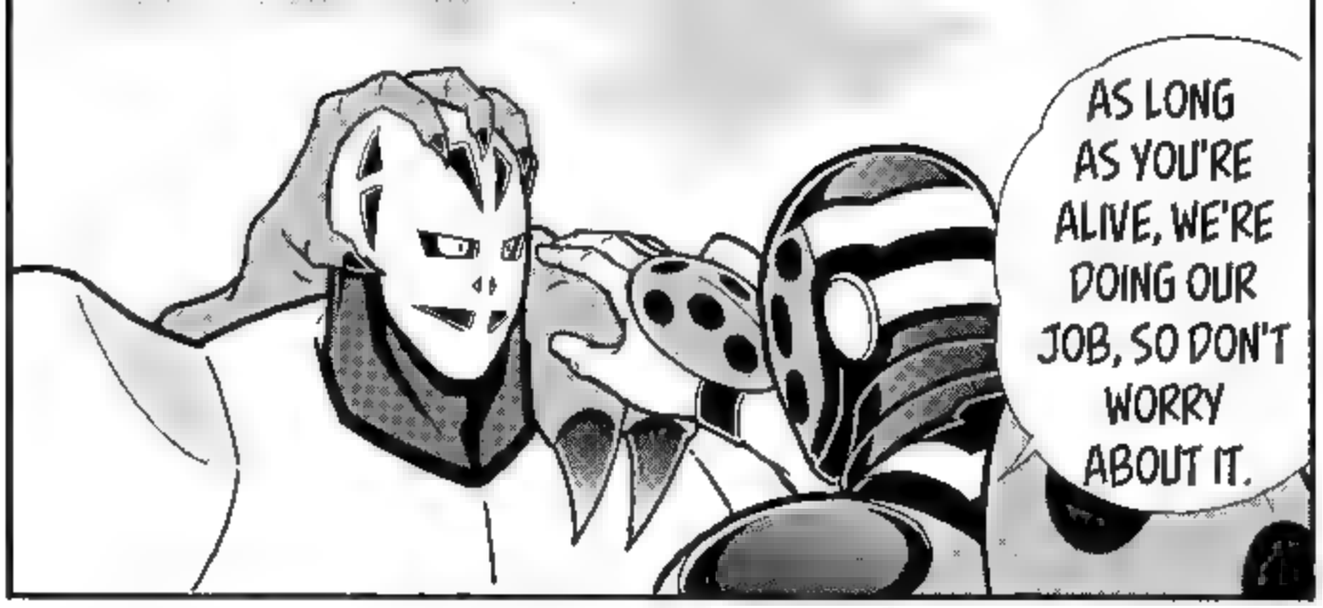
MARIQUITA-MAN!



APOLOGIES, MARIQUITA. I'M THE ONE WHO FORCED THE OTHER SPEARS INTO GIVING UP THEIR LIVES FOR THIS MISSION.
I GAVE THE ORDERS, SO I HAVE TO SHOULDER THE SHAME.

WHAT'RE YA SAYING, ARISTERA?
WE'RE THE ONES WHO GAVE OUR LIVES TO YOU. YOU DIDN'T FORCE ANYONE.
WE DID THAT KNOWING WE COULD LOSE OUR LIVES AT ANY MOMENT IN THIS MISSION.

THAT'S WHY EVEN WHEN HAILMAN, GEAR MASTER AND LUNKNIGHT DIED,
THEY DID EVERYTHING THEY COULD TO STILL PROTECT YOU.

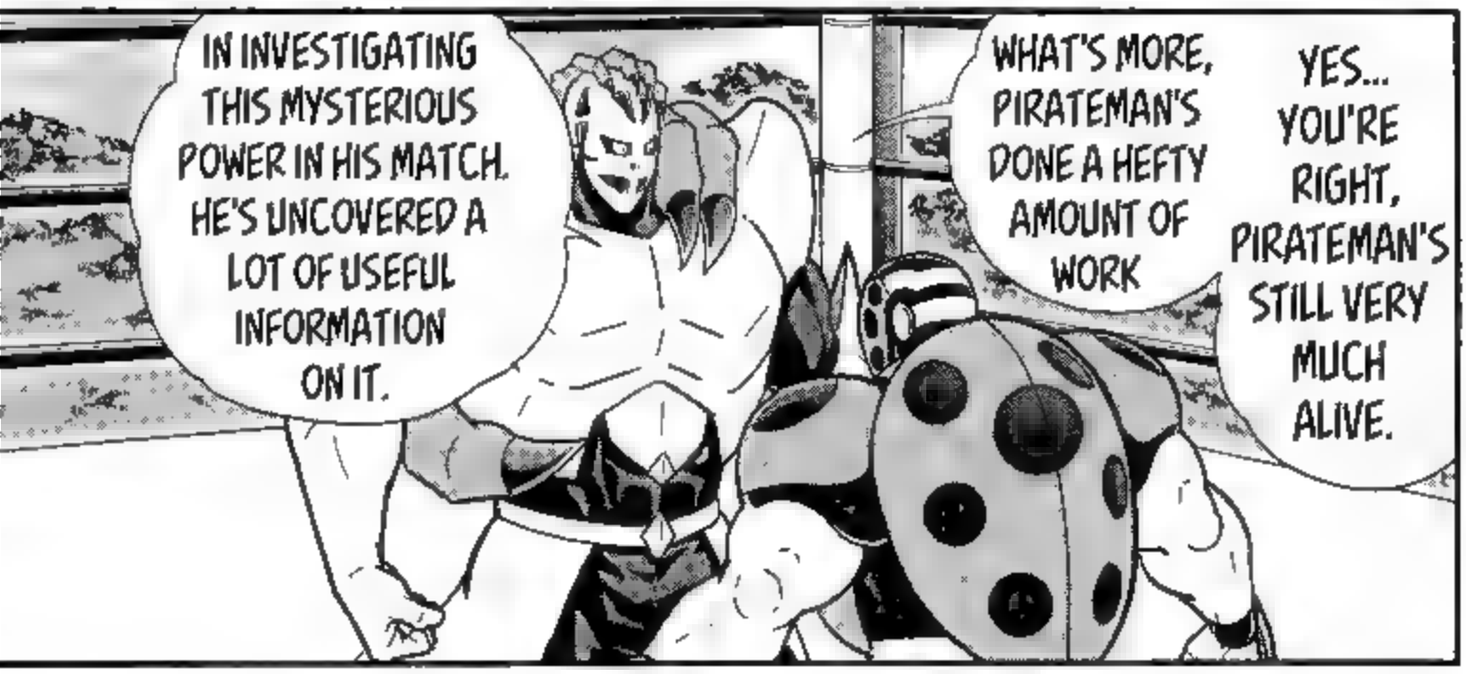

AS LONG AS YOU'RE ALIVE, WE'RE DOING OUR JOB, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

YOU, ME AND PIRATEMAN! AS LONG AS WE'RE STILL ALIVE,
THE SIX SPEARS MIGHT BE CUT IN HALF, BUT WE CAN STILL DO THIS!
THE OMEGA CENTAURIANS STILL HAVE HOPE!

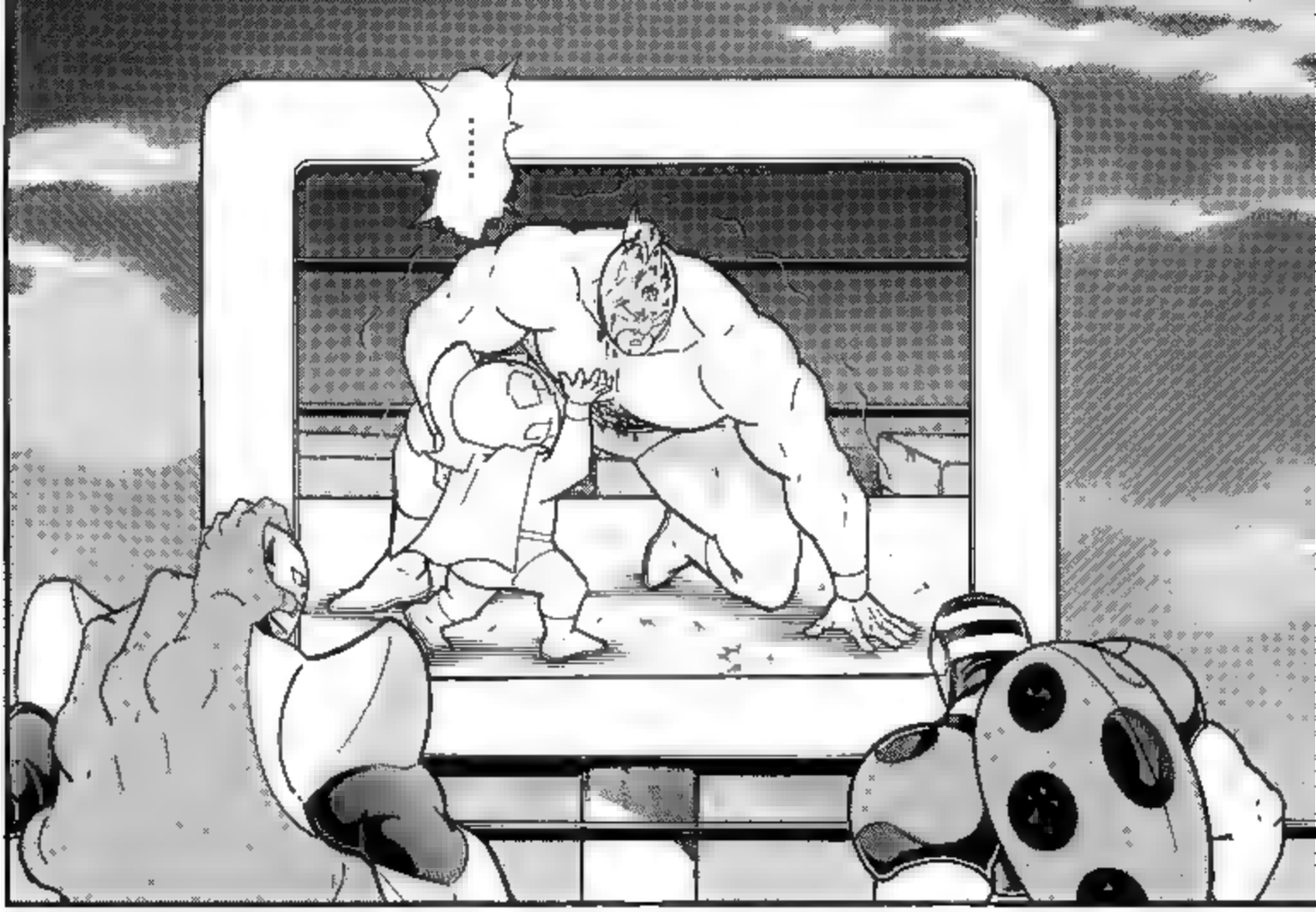
MARIQUITA...

PIRATEMAN MIGHT'VE LOST, BUT HE'S STILL ALIVE!
BESIDES, WE'RE NOT THE ONLY SPEARS ALIVE!

IT HASN'T BEEN SNUFFED OUT JUST YET!


IN INVESTIGATING THIS MYSTERIOUS POWER IN HIS MATCH. HE'S UNCOVERED A LOT OF USEFUL INFORMATION ON IT.
WHAT'S MORE, PIRATEMAN'S DONE A HEFTY AMOUNT OF WORK
YES... YOU'RE RIGHT, PIRATEMAN'S STILL VERY MUCH ALIVE.

SPEAKING OF HIS MATCH...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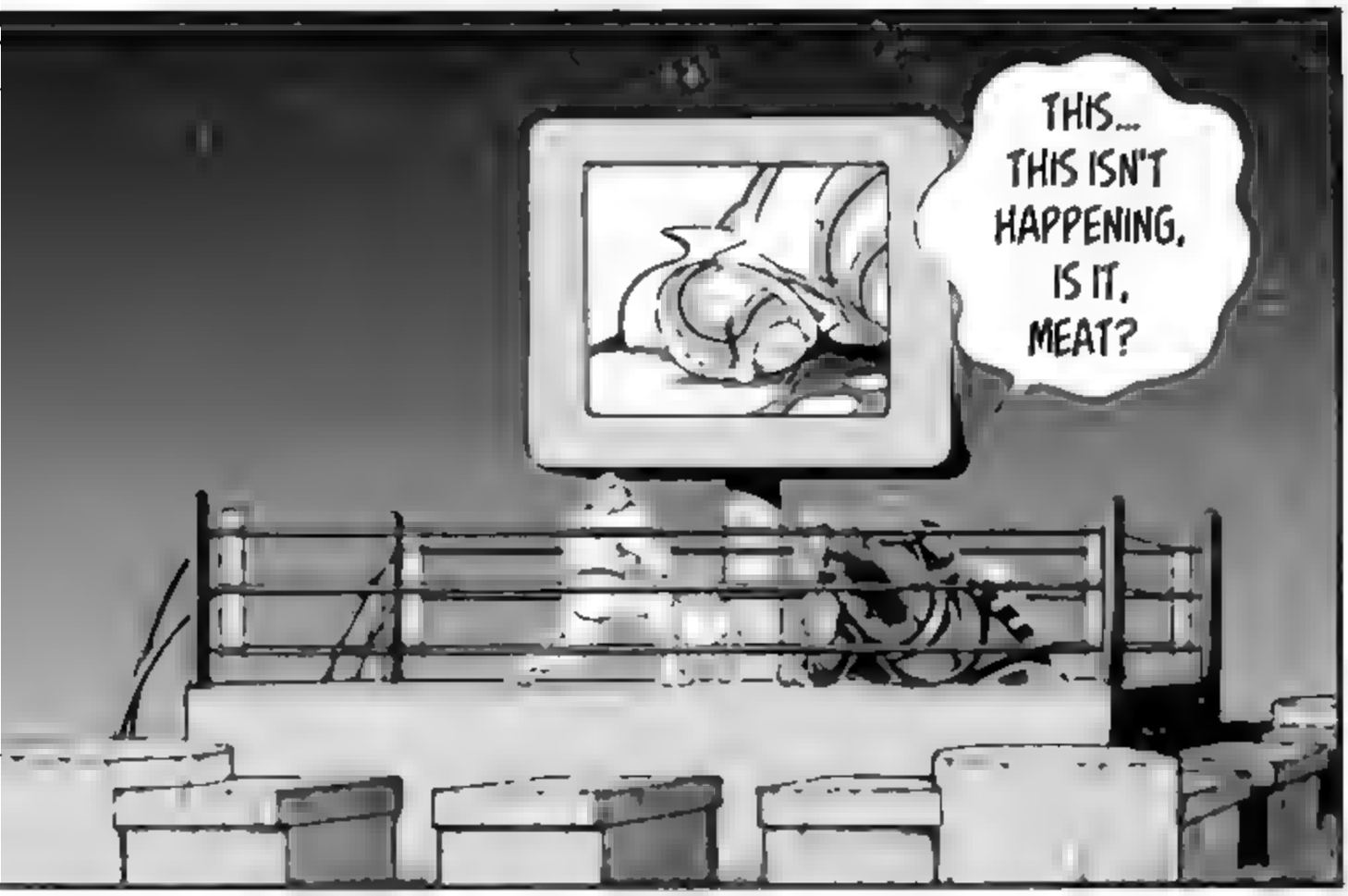
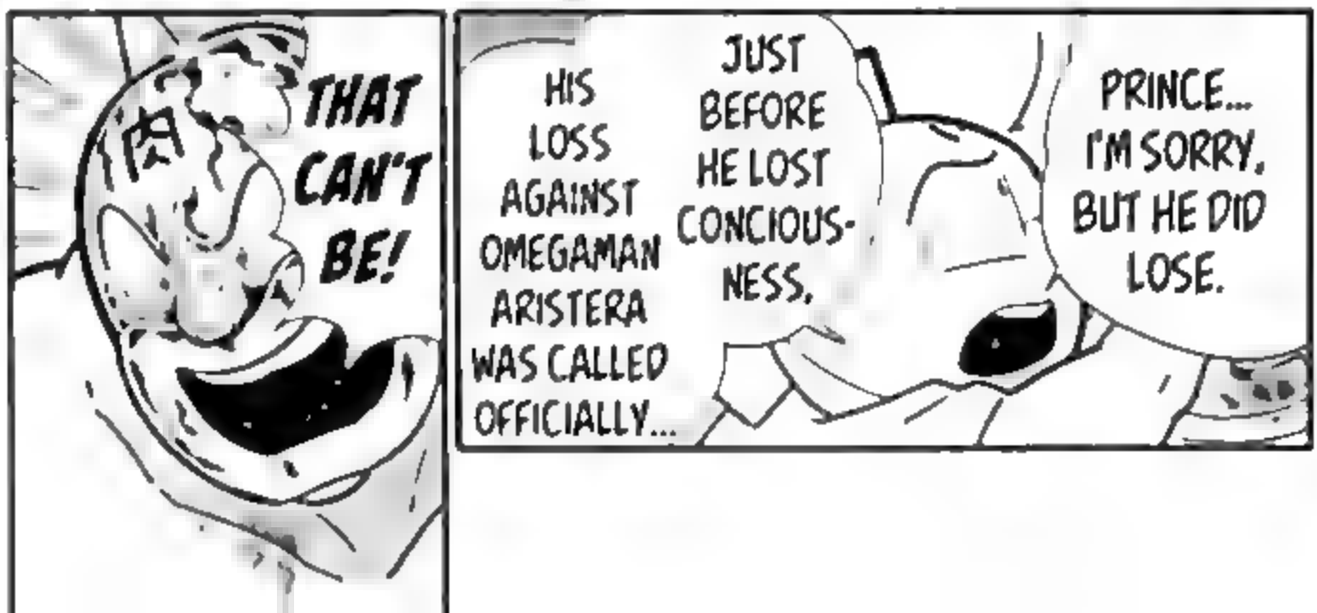
WHAT THE... WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE?

IS THAT PHOENIX? DID HE... LOSE?

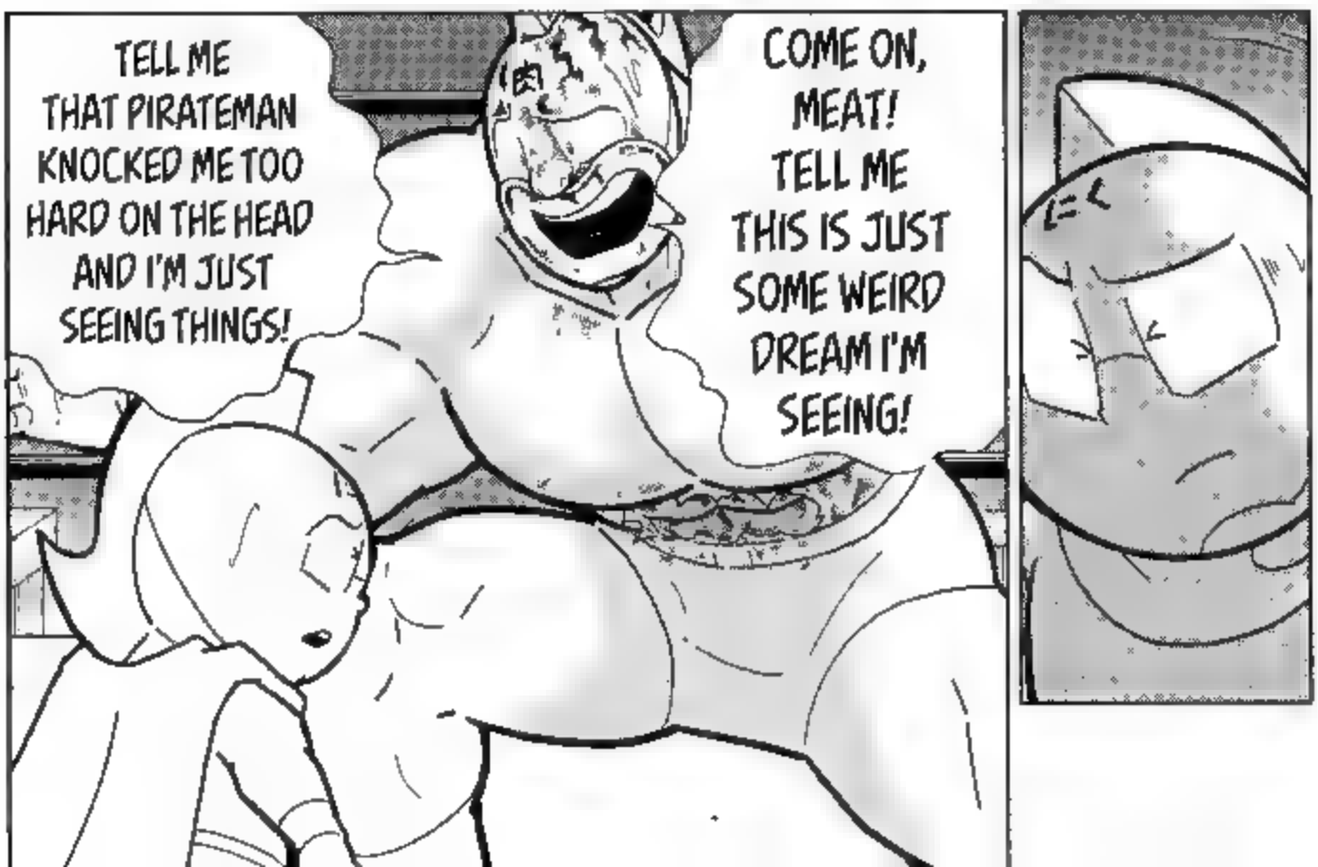
USSR, Black Sea, Swallow's Nest


THIS... THIS ISN'T HAPPENING, IS IT, MEAT?

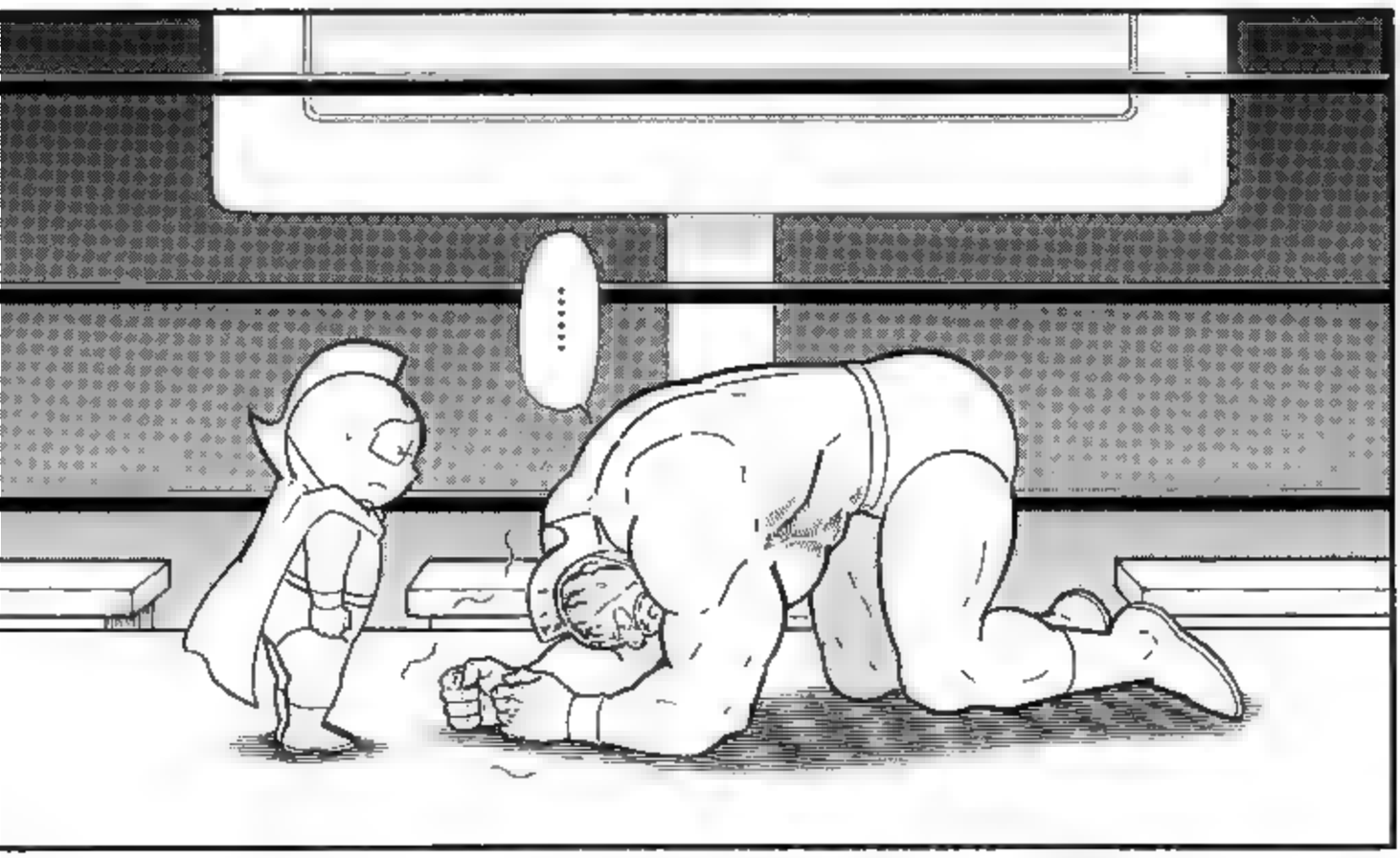

THAT CAN'T BE!
HIS LOSS AGAINST OMEGAMAN ARISTERA WAS CALLED OFFICIALLY...
JUST BEFORE HE LOST CONCIOUS-NESS,
PRINCE... I'M SORRY, BUT HE DID LOSE.

NO ONE ELSE HAS EVER PUSHED ME HARDER THAN HE DID!
I HAD MY BIGGEST EVER MATCH WITH HIM!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYING! PHOENIX CAN'T HAVE LOST!

HE CAN'T HAVE JUST LOST LIKE THAT!


TELL ME THAT PIRATEMAN KNOCKED ME TOO HARD ON THE HEAD AND I'M JUST SEEING THINGS!
COME ON, MEAT! TELL ME THIS IS JUST SOME WEIRD DREAM I'M SEEING!

TELL ME THIS ISN'T REAL!
IT CAN'T BE...!
PLEASE, MEAT!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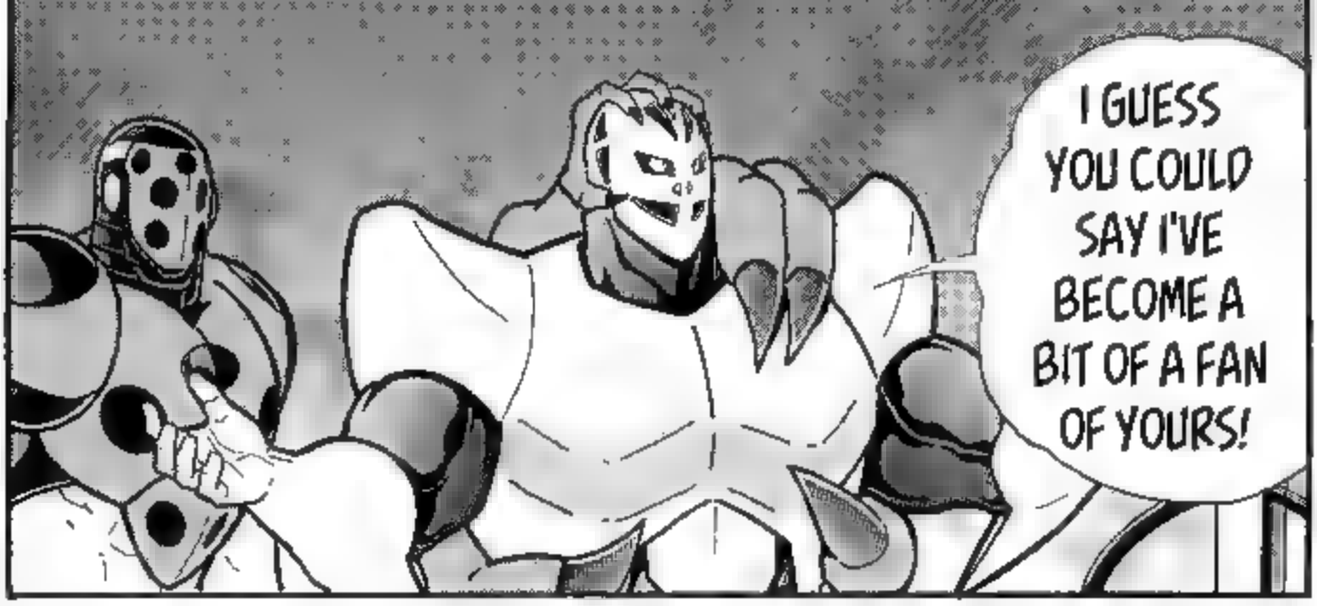
WAS IT YOU WHO BEAT PHOENIX!?
YOU!

WHY YES, IT WAS, KINNIKUMAN. BUT CAN I JUST SAY
THAT IT'S AN HONOUR TO GET THE CHANCE
TO TALK TO YOU AGAIN LIKE THIS.

WHILE WE MIGHT BE ENEMIES NOW,
I'VE COME TO GAIN A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST IN YOU.


I GUESS YOU COULD SAY I'VE BECOME A BIT OF A FAN OF YOURS!

YOU'VE ALWAYS HELD IN THE HIGHEST REGARD, SUPER PHOENIX!
ANYWAY, KINNIKUMAN, IT WAS INDEED I WHO BESTED THE ONE OPPONENT

GRRRR...
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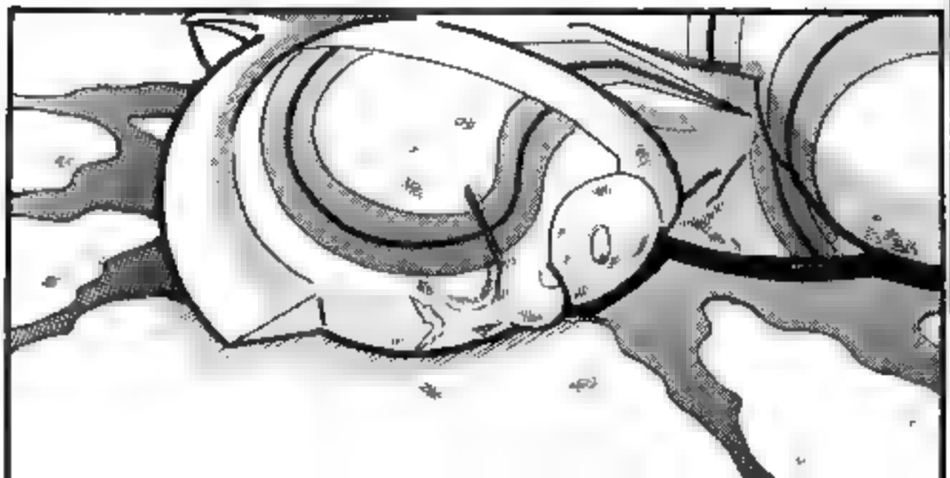

I WANT YOU TO WITNESS AND FULLY REALIZE
THE POWER OF THE OMEGA CENTAURIANS, KINNIKUMAN!

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK? IS THIS ENOUGH TO GET YOUR ATTENTION?
YOUR FIGHT WITH PIRATEMAN MIGHT'VE ALREADY CLUED YOU IN ON WHAT I WANTED TO SHOW YOU, BUT I STILL WANTED YOU TO WITNESS IT...

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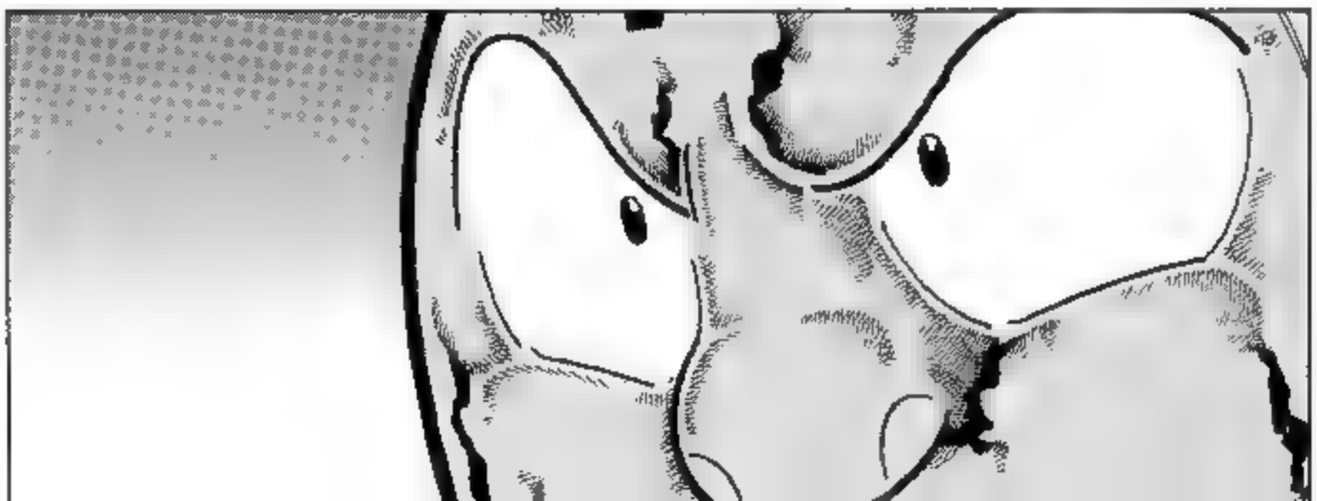

JUST YOU WAIT, ARISTERA!

I WILL BEAT YOU! AND THEN... I'LL GET REVENGE FOR PHOENIX!

I COULDN'T HAVE HOPED FOR A BETTER ANSWER...
OH HOH HOH! MUSIC TO MY EARS!

THEIR FATES HAVE LINKED! THE BATTLE MOVES ONTO A NEW STAGE!

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HUH?
DON'T YOU THINK SO TOO?
I DO HAVE TO SAY THOUGH, KINNIKUMAN, THAT IT'S RATHER UNFORTUNATE THAT WE'RE HAVING TO FIGHT SO UNNECESSARILY.
IS THIS ARISTERA'S TRUE MOTIVE...!?
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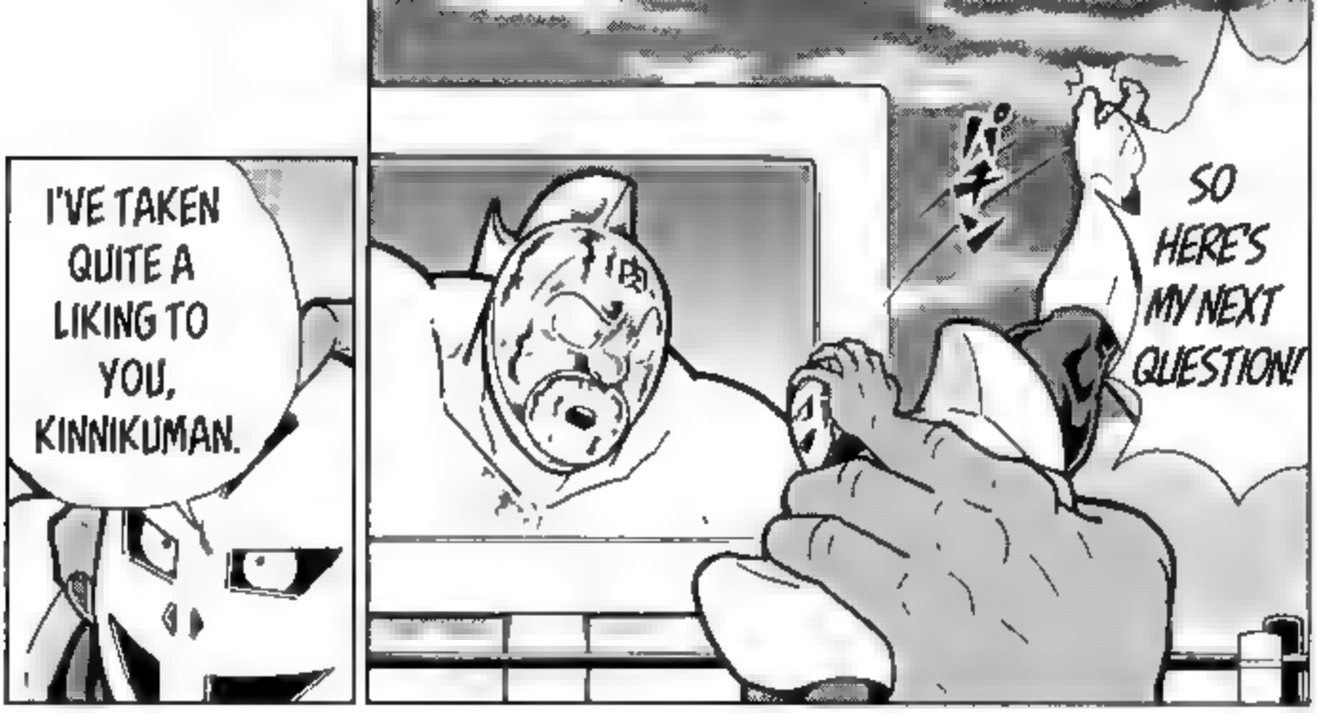
THEY DO ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO HELP US, AND WHEN THE DO, IT ONLY EVER HURTS US!
BUT SINCE WHEN HAVE WE NEEDED THE APPROVAL OF THE CHOUJIN GODS?
I'VE HEARD THAT IN ORDER TO BECOME THE GREAT KING OF PLANET KINNIKU, YOU NEED THE APPROVAL OF THE CHOUJIN GODS.

DON'T YOU THINK THAT IT'S A RATHER ODD SYSTEM?
TELL ME, WHAT DO YOU REALLY THINK OF IT?

IT WAS THEM! THEY'VE BRAINWASHED US INTO THINKING THEIR WORD'S ABSOLUTE AND WE CAN NEVER DEFY IT!
WHO WAS IT THAT DECIDED WE CAN NEVER DOUBT THE GODS?
I ONLY WISH YOU COULD SEE THAT AS CLEARLY AS I DO, KINNIKUMAN!

UM... I-I MEAN, IT'S...
UH... WELL...

WE CHOUJIN ONLY FOLLOW THE GODS BECAUSE THEY'VE DOMESTICATED US LIKE PETS!
HUOH HUOH HUOH HUOH! SO YOU DO HAVE YOUR DOUBTS THEN!


I'VE TAKEN QUITE A LIKING TO YOU, KINNIKUMAN.
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SO HERE'S MY NEXT QUESTION!

SO I WOULD BE A FOOL TO NOT USE THIS CHANCE TO ASK YOU THIS...

WON'T YOU JOIN US?

IF YOU TRULY WISH TO MAKE A BETTER WORLD FOR ALL CHOUJIN,
THEN YOU NEED TO DO AWAY WITH THE CHOUJIN GODS! THEIR DANGEROUS POWER AND FICKLE WHIMS WILL ONLY HOLD BACK YOUR WISH!
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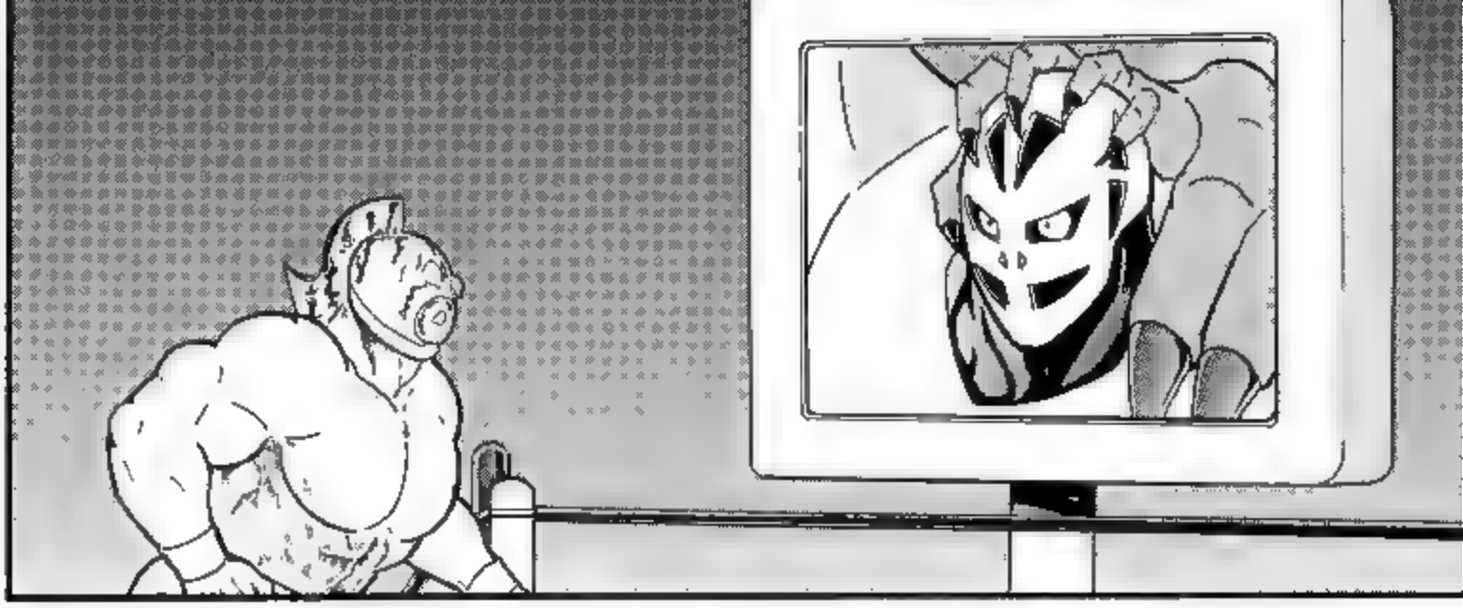
AND THEY'RE ME
LUCKILY, THERE'RE TWO CHOUJIN WHO HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO GET RID OF THEM FOREVER!

AND YOU!

TOGETHER, WE CAN START A GOLDEN AGE FOR CHOUJIN, BY CHOUJIN!
IF WE JOIN FORCES, WE CAN FINALLY END THE AGE OF THE CHOUJIN GODS!

You and I can become the gods of that new world.
DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE THAT BEAUTIFUL WORLD TOO, KINNIKUMAN!?
AND THAT'S NOT ALL...



WHENEVER I COULD GET THE CHANCE TO.
ARISTERA... I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED IN GETTING TO KNOW OTHERS

BUT... WHEN IT COMES TO THOSE OTHER PLANS YOU HAVE...
AND HELPING YOU IN ANY WAY I CAN
AND I'VE HONESTLY BEEN THINKING OF ENDING ALL THIS FIGHTING AND JOINING UP WITH YOU
SO WE CAN STOP WHATEVER DISASTER'S WRECKING YOUR HOME WORLD.

WHY NOT?
I CAN'T HELP YOU WITH THEM.
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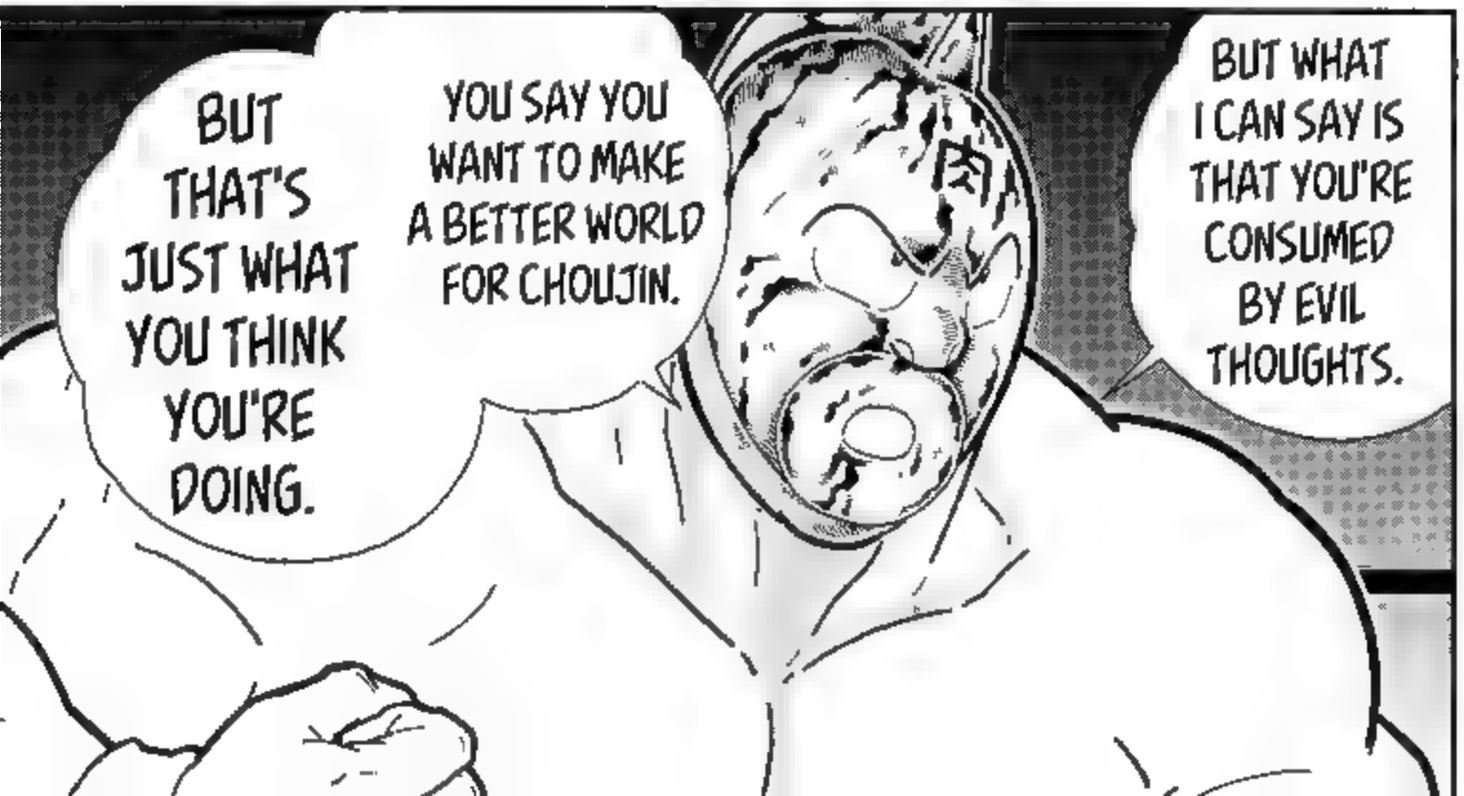
I CAN'T GIVE AN EXACT EXPLANATION.


BUT THAT'S JUST WHAT YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING.
YOU SAY YOU WANT TO MAKE A BETTER WORLD FOR CHOUJIN.
BUT WHAT I CAN SAY IS THAT YOU'RE CONSUMED BY EVIL THOUGHTS.
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ARE THE SPITEFUL, GRUDGEFUL THOUGHTS THAT DOMINATE YOUR HEART!
WHAT'S REALLY DRIVING YOU TO DO WHAT YOU'RE DOING

WITH THOSE KINDS OF EVIL THOUGHTS DRIVING THEM!
I COULD NEVER WORK WITH SOMEONE

AND BESIDES...

THAT IS TRUE, YES.
TRYING TO KILL THE MAN FIRST, WON'T IT?
IF I JOIN YOU, THAT'LL END UP WITH US

BECAUSE IT'D INVOLVE KILLING THE MAN!
BUT PIRATEMAN TOLD ME HE WOULDN'T MAKE ME HELP YOU

THAT'S THE TOP REASON FOR WHY I'D NEVER HELP YOU!
THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL I'D TRY TO KILL THE MAN!
BUT YOU'RE TRYING TO GET ME TO JOIN YOU TO DO JUST THAT!

MY, SUCH SHARP INDIGNATION! I CAN'T TELL WHETHER YOU'RE BEING SMART OR YOU CAN'T JUST SEE THE BIG PICTURE.
HOWEVER. I CAN TELL YOU THAT I'M ALWAYS THINKING OF WHAT WILL HELP SAVE MY PEOPLE.
BUT I SUPPOSE WE TRULY CAN'T SEE EYE TO EYE THEN.

DO YOU STILL THINK THAT, EVEN AFTER SEEING MY MOVE IN ACTION? OR MAYBE KINNIKUMAN'S MADE YOU SOFT?
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, PIRATEMAN? YOU THINK THAT SAVING OUR WORLD'S WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT.

MY PEOPLE'S DEEPEST WISHES ARE TO SAVE OUR WORLD. KILL THE MAN AND END THE AGE OF THE CHOUJIN GODS.
BUT THERE ARE THOSE OF US WHO CAN'T AGREE ON WHICH ONE OF THEM'S THE MOST IMPORTANT.

ARISTERA... AFTER ME BRAWL WITH KINNIKUMAN HERE, I CAME TO REALZIN' SOMETHIN'...
OUR PLAN TO SAVE THE OMEGAS
MIGHT NOT ACTUALLY WORK...

AS JUST THE KEY TO PUMPIN' UP YER CHOUJIN STRENGTH PAST ITS NATURAL LIMIT...
SO FAR, WE'VE ONLY BEEN THINKIN' OF THE BURNIN' INNER STRENGTH AS A MERE POWER.
AND IT'S 'CAUSE OF A MAJOR FLAW...
OH? DO TELL THEN.

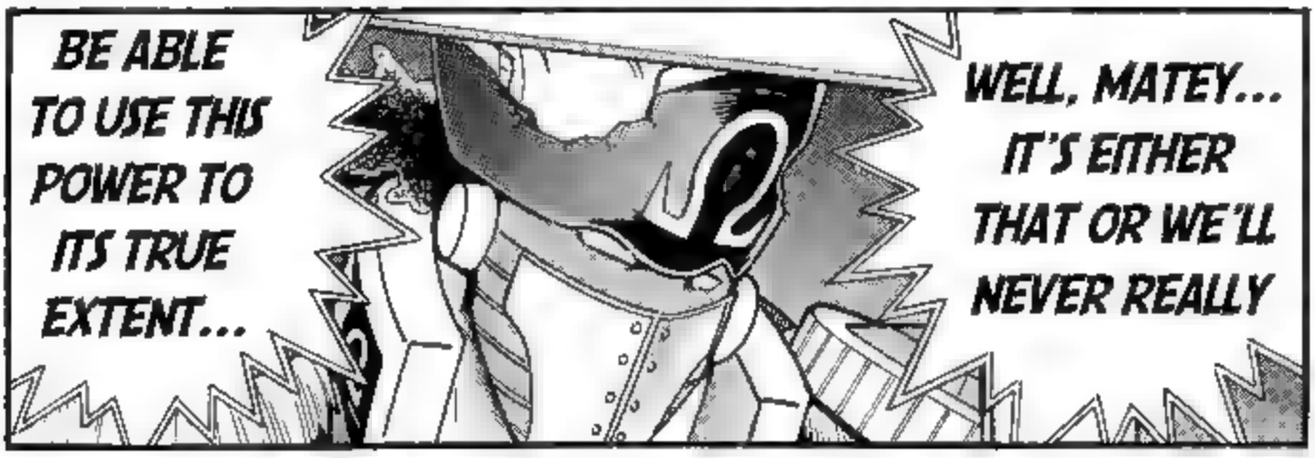
SO WHAT IS IT THEN...?
THAT'S NOT WHAT IT JUST IS...
BUT THAT'S THE PROBLEM...

WHEN YA FULLY UNDERSTAND AN' EMPATHIZE WITH WHAT ANOTHER CHOUJIN BELIEVES...
THE BURNIN' INNER STRENGTH'S A POWER THAT ONLY REALLY WORKS

JUST WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO IMPLY HERE...

ARE GONNA HAVE A HARD TIME FIGURIN' OUT HOW TO DO THAT...
AND I'M AFRAID TO SAY THAT SPITEFUL CHOUJIN LIKE US OMEGAS

TO FIND "UNDERSTAND AND EMPATHIZE" WITH THE MAN!?
ARE YOU SAYING THAT WE SHOULD TRY

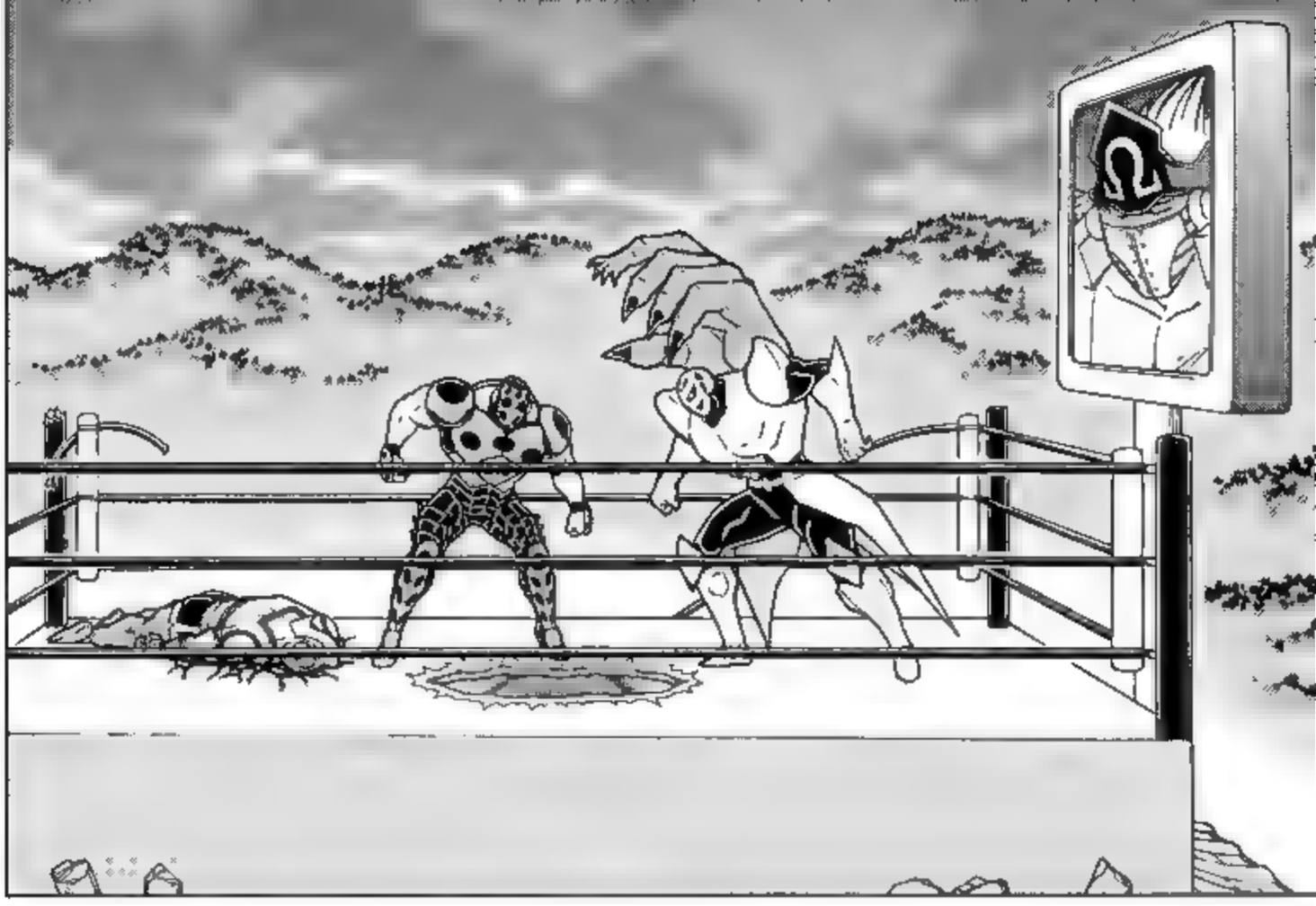

BE ABLE TO USE THIS POWER TO ITS TRUE EXTENT...
WELL, MATEY... IT'S EITHER THAT OR WE'LL NEVER REALLY

ARE YOU ACTUALLY SERIOUS!?
YOU'VE GOT TO BE JOKING ME... EMPATHIZE WITH THE MAN?

DID YOU NOT JUST WATCH MY MATCH, PIRATEMAN!?
I MIGHT'VE NEEDED A BIT OF HELP FROM OUR LOST COMRADES, BUT I MANAGED TO TAP INTO SOME OF THAT POWER!
IF I CAN TAP INTO IT AGAIN, WE CAN HAVE A CHANCE OF BEATING THE MAN!

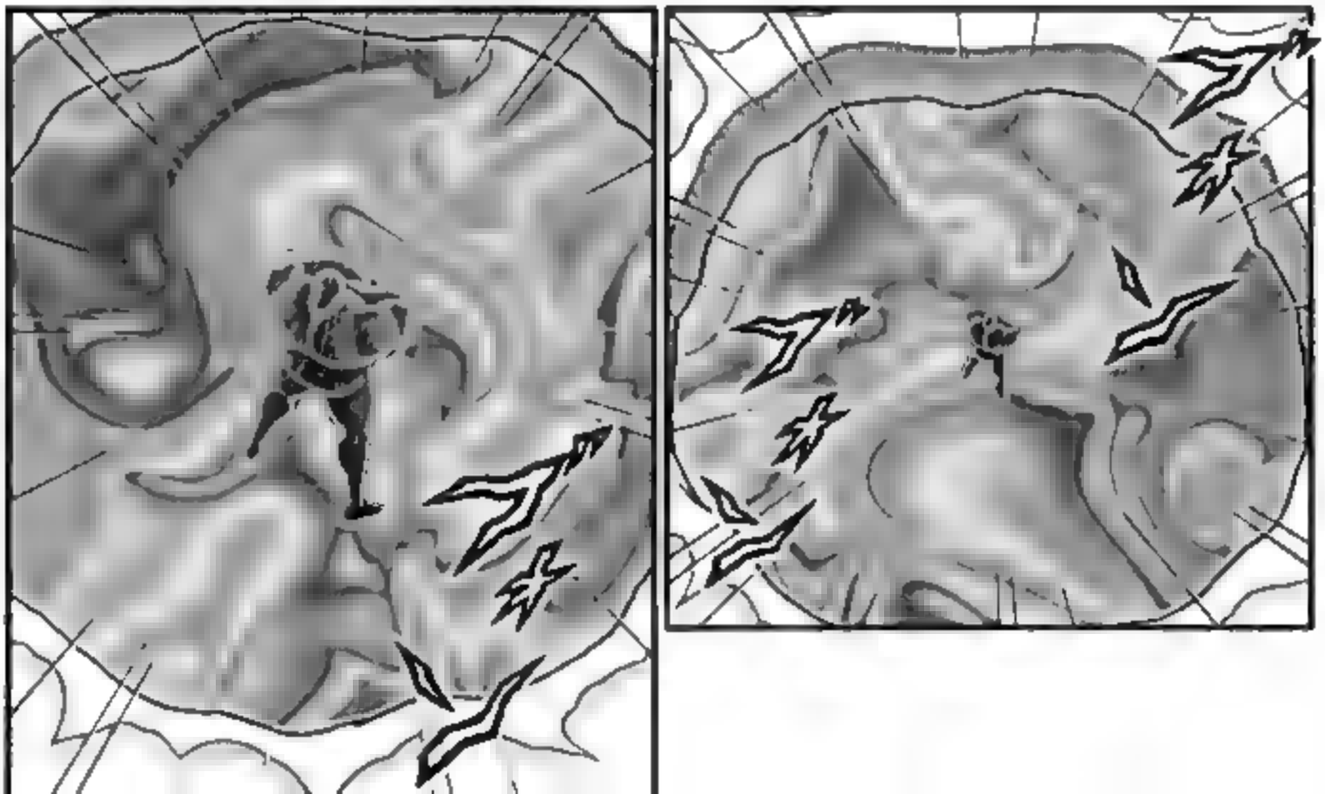
YOU MUST'VE GOTTEN SOME OF IT YOURSELF, RIGHT!?
ANYWAY, YOU ALREADY FOUGHT HIM!
IF I GET THE CHANCE TO FIGHT WITH KINNIKUMAN,
I'M SURE I'LL GET EVEN MORE...

IT'LL NEVER BE AS STRONG AS THE REAL THING...
NO, MATE... NO MATTER HOW MUCH WE GET OF IT...
WE'VE ALREADY COME THIS FAR!
WELL THAT'S TOO BAD!



NOT WHEN WE'RE SO CLOSE TO ACHIEVING THE DREAM
WE CAN'T JUST TURN TAIL AND RUN BACK TO OUR DOOMED PLANET!
OUR ANCIENT ANCESTORS ENTRUSTED US WITH!

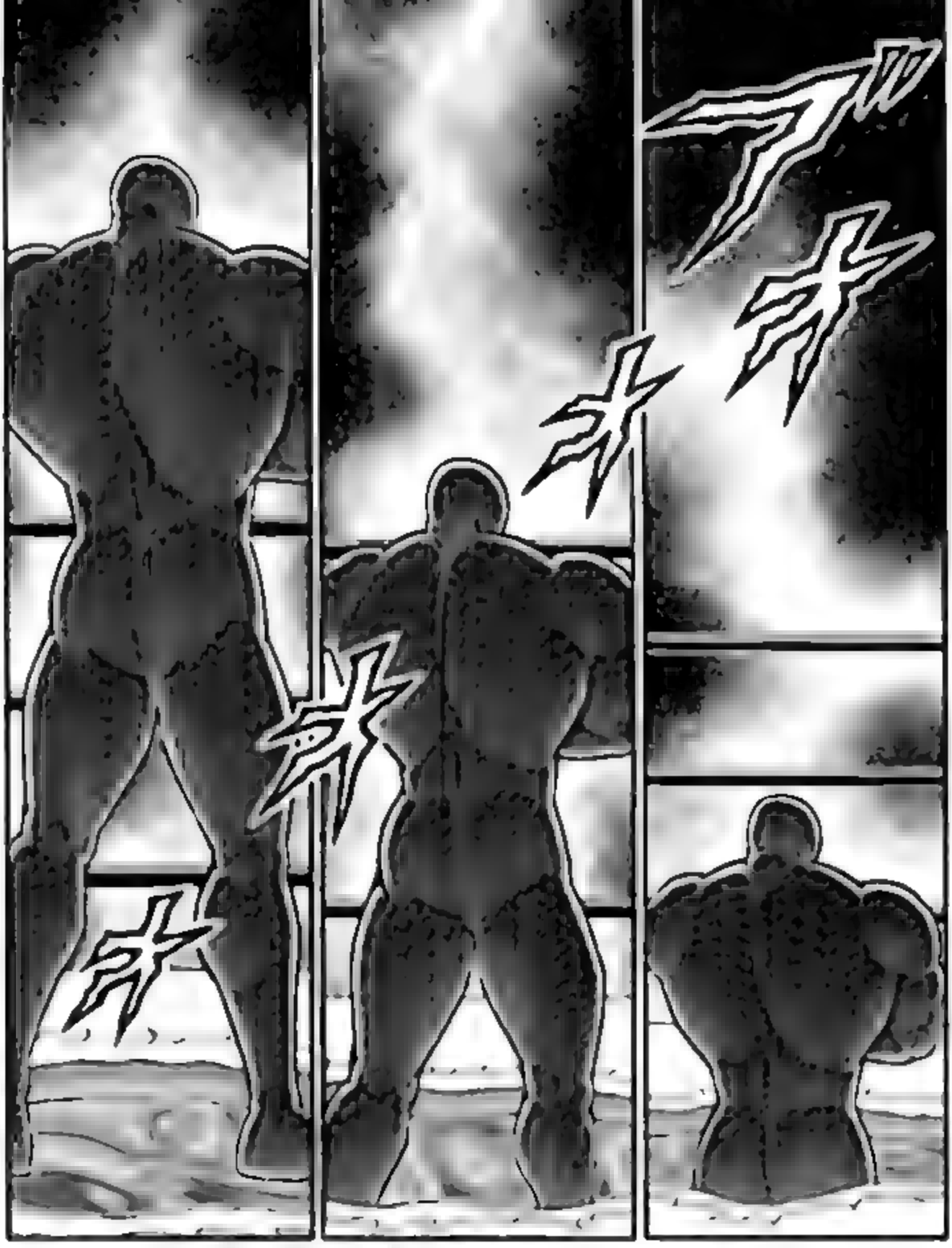
WE'RE ONLY A FEW MOMENTS AWAY FROM COMPLETING IT AND YOU DARE TO SPEAK SUCH...



I'M AFRAID YOU WON'T BE USING THIS PATH.

JUST AS WE'RE ABOUT TO ASSAULT THE MAN?
HUOH HUOH HUOH HUOH! WHAT'S THIS? A COUNTER-OFFENSIVE AGAINST US
I WONDER IF IT'S THE MAN HIMSELF. THAT'D MAKE THINGS CONVENIENT!

NO, IT LOOKS LIKE HE SENT ONE OF HIS UNDERLINGS...



OUT OF NOWHERE, SOLDIER JOINS THE FRONT!

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THE SOLDIER EVERYONE'S COUNTING ON SHOWS HIS BACK!

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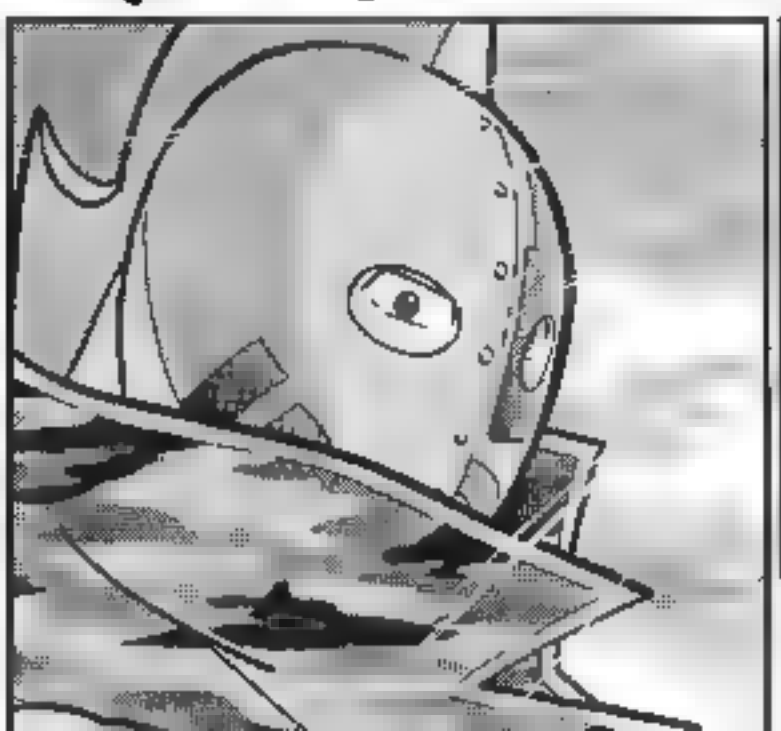

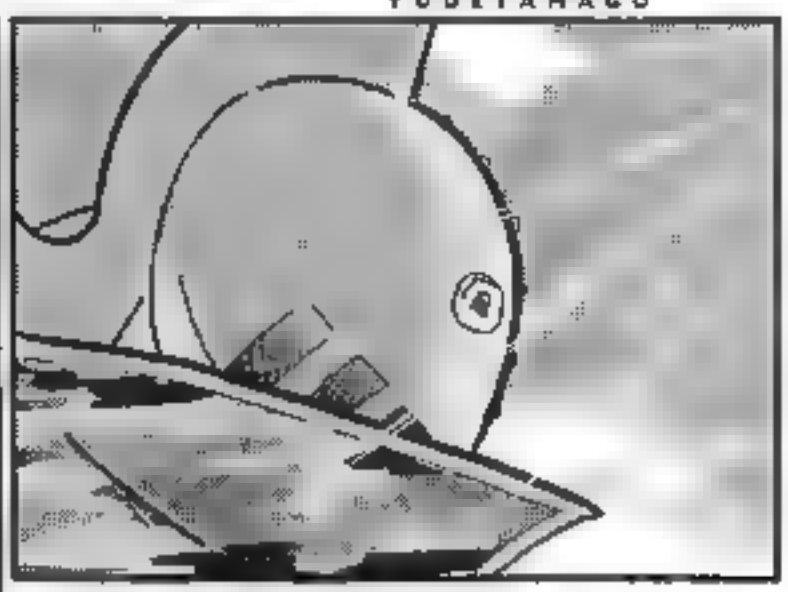

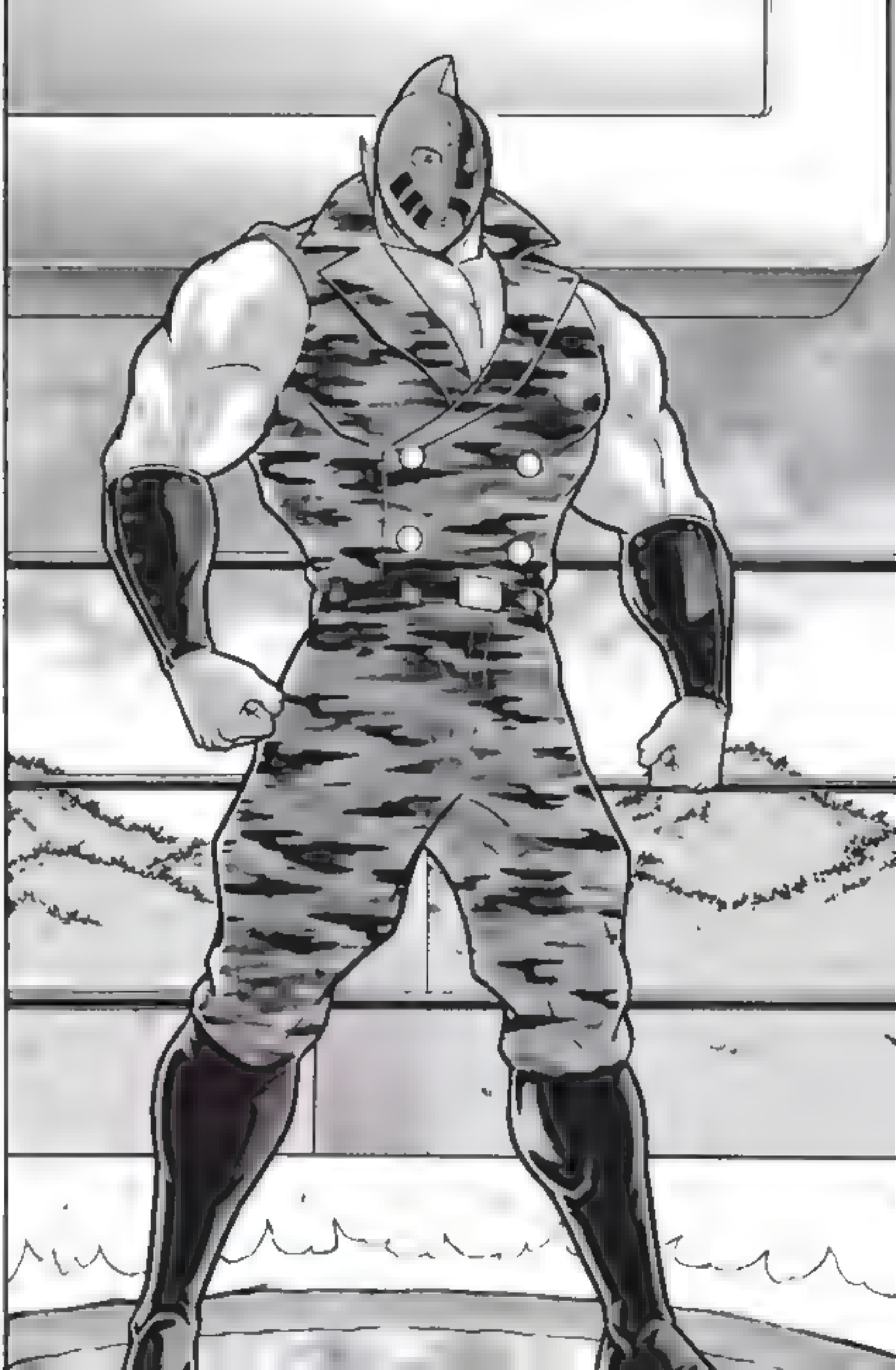

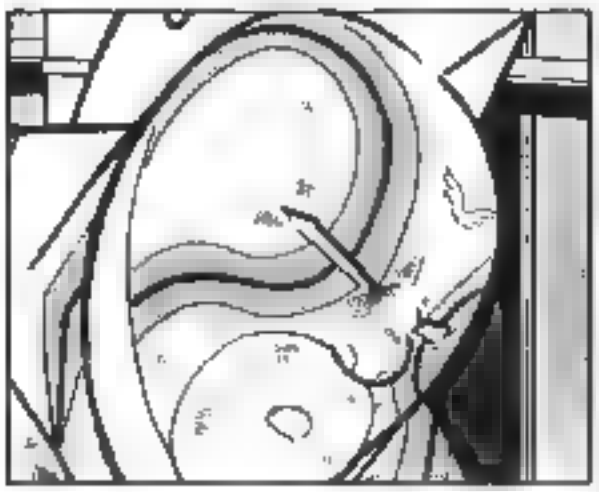

IT IS YOU, ISN'T IT!? MY BIG BROTHER ATARU!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING OVER THERE!?

ATARU...? IS THAT YOU?

WHERE THE HECK DID YOU GO AFTER THE SURVIVOR MATCH!?

WAIT, FORGET THAT! WHAT I REALLY WANNA KNOW IS

BUT I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT IT'D TAKE A LOT MORE THAN THAT TO ATTAIN TRUE PEACE.

THE CHAOTIC CHOUJIN WORLD WOULD FINALLY SETTLE DOWN.

HMM... SUGURU, I WAS SURE THAT AFTER YOU BECAME KING,

EXCUSE ME, BUT CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?

ATARU!

YOU'RE KINNIKUMAN SOLDIER...

WE ALREADY KNOW THAT MUCH.

YOU DON'T NEED TO TELL US YOUR NAME.

WHO YOU REALLY ARE IS THE OLDEST SON OF THE KINNIKU ROYAL FAMILY, ATARU KINNIKU.

OR RATHER, THAT'S THE PERSONA YOU'VE ASSUMED.

JUST WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

WHAT I WANT TO ASK IS EXACTLY THE SAME QUESTION KINNIKUMAN'S ASKING.

THAT'S AFFIRMATIVE.

NO, YOU'RE RIGHT, I'M NOT WITH THEM.

IT'S JUST THAT I THOUGHT THAT THE CHOUJIN WORLD DIDN'T NEED SUCH A PROBLEMATIC PASSAGE.

I'D ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHY YOU CAME OUT OF THIS ENTRANCE TO THE CHOUJIN GRAVEYARD.

YOU HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE PERFECT CHOUJIN OR THE MAN. OR HAS THAT CHANGED...?

HMPH! YOU THINK WE DON'T NEED IT?

AND WHAT LED YOU TO THAT CONCLUSION?

WHEN I GOT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS ENTRANCE, I CAME HERE TO CLOSE IT.

THAT'S ALL.

IT'S NOT JUST SOMETHING ANYONE KNOWS ABOUT.

ACTUALLY, JUST WHO DID TELL YOU ABOUT THIS ENTRANCE?

AT LEAST, I THOUGHT IT WASN'T SUCH WIDESPREAD KNOWLEDGE.

YOU RAN AWAY FROM THE KINNIKU ROYAL FAMILY AND YOU'RE NOT A FAKE PRINCE.

BUT THAT LEADS US TO ANOTHER QUESTION; WHICH GOD?

THEY BOTH HAVE THEIR OWN TIES TO THE GODS, SO JUST WHICH ONE COULD YOU HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH?

OF COURSE IT WAS. WHO ELSE COULD IT HAVE BEEN?

IT WAS SOMEONE YOU ALL HATE THE MOST... A GOD.

ACTUALLY, NO, HE WAS THE REAL KINNIKUMAN SOLDIER. YOU'RE THE FAKE.

THE GOD OF BRUTALITY? YOU MEAN THE ONE WHO PICKED THAT FAKE SOLDIER...

THE GOD OF BRUTALITY...

ANYWAY, YOU MEAN THE GOD WHO HAD HIS OWN CHAMPION

CAME TO YOU INSTEAD?

AFTER I'D BEATEN IT OUT OF SOLDIERMAN AND LEFT HIM TO DIE.

YOU'RE RIGHT. I TOOK THE REAL KINNIKUMAN SOLDIER'S IDENTIY FOR MYSELF

SO HE ASKED FOR MY AID.

BUT HE DIDN'T, HE INSTEAD CAME TO ASK ME FOR HELP.

YOU'D THINK THE GOD OF BRUTALITY WOULD TRY TO GET HIS CHOSEN PRINCE BACK

HE TOLD ME THAT EVEN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, HE WANTED TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR GETTING SOLDIERMAN KILLED

AND INSTEAD OPTED TO TRY AND CONTROL HIS KILLER AS ONE OF HIS OWN PAWNS?

SO THAT'S IT THEN! THE GOD OF BRUTALITY LEFT HIS DEAD CHAMPION TO ROT

I THOUGHT I COULD TRY TRUSTING HIM SINCE THE INFORMATION CHECKED OUT.

BUT I FELT THE INFO HE GAVE ME WAS AT LEAST CREDIBLE.

HMPH, YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT THERE. HE COULD JUST BE USING ME.

YOU'RE QUITE AWARE OF THAT, AREN'T YOU?

HUOH HUOH HUOH HUOH! SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE NOT AS SQUEAKY CLEAN AS YOU APPEAR TO BE!

I COULDN'T EXACTLY IGNORE HIS REQUEST.

BUT MOST OF ALL, I'VE GOT MY OWN MISTAKES TO PAY FOR.

LEAVING SUGURU TO PICK UP THE SLACK AND PAY FOR WHAT I DIDN'T DO.

I RAN AWAY FROM ALL OF MY RESPONSIBILITIES,

WELL OF COURSE. WHAT I'VE DONE ISN'T SOMETHING YOU CAN JUST BRUSH OFF. I'VE LIVED A SHAMEFUL LIFE.

I'M NO ONE TO LOOK UP TO.

ATARU...

AND I WILL NOT STAND BY LIKE I ALWAYS DO...

WHAT'S RIGHT AND WHAT'S WRONG.

BUT I'VE FINALLY DECIDED FOR MYSELF

WHILE I KNOW HOW WRONG IT IS!

AND LET YOU DO WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO ACHIEVE

AND I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE...

WHEN I HEARD WHAT PHOENIX SAID IN HIS MATCH,

I FELT LIKE HE THOUGHT WHAT I BELIEVED AS WELL.

AND YOU'RE HERE TO STOP US. IS THAT IT?

HMPH, SO YOU ALSO DON'T THINK WE SHOULD KILL THE GODS

FIRSTLY, YOU'RE ALL BEING MANIPULATED.

IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE.

I'M HERE TO STOP THAT.

THEY'RE MAKING YOU DANCE TO WHATEVER TUNE THEY DECIDE.

INTO THROWING YOURSELVES AT THE MAN FOR THEM.

YOU'RE ALL BEING CONTROLLED BY SOMEONE

WE'RE DOING THIS FOR OUR OWN SAKE, TO ACHIEVE OUR ANCESTORS' DREAMS!

AND ANYWAY, WE'RE NOT BEING TEMPTED TO DO THIS BY HIM!

HOW COULD WE BE FOOLED INTO COMPLETING WHAT WE'VE DREAMED OF!?

DON'T YOU KNOW HOW OUR DEAL WITH SATAN WORKS!?

WHILE THEY HIDE IN THE SHADOWS, PULLING YOUR STRINGS.

THEY'VE GOT YOU THINKING YOU'RE CARRYING OUT YOUR OWN AGENDA

HMPH... THAT'S WHAT ***THEY*** WANT YOU TO BELIEVE.

I KNOW THAT, PHOENIX KNEW THAT, ZEBRA... WE ALL KNOW WHY YOU HAVE TO STOP.

THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE TO BE STOPPED.

SO NOW YOU'RE BEING MANIPULATED TO CARRY OUT THEIR EVIL WILL.

THIS IS GOING NOWHERE!

GOING INTO THE CHOUJIN GRAVEYARD TO DEAL WITH THE MAN.

BESIDES, WE'VE ALREADY ESTABLISHED THAT YOU'RE FIRMLY AGAINST US OMEGAS

WE'LL NEVER REACH AN AGREE-MENT.

WE'RE JUST GOING BACK AND FORTH HERE!

THAT'S WHAT YOU CAME HERE TO DO, AND I'VE GOT A PERFECT SOLUTION TO GIVE YOU THAT CHANCE BEFORE WE HEAD FOR THE GRAVEYARD.

WELL THEN, WHY DON'T YOU TRY AND STOP US?

AND GET A TRUE TASTE OF THE BURNING INNER STRENGTH!

I'VE BEEN MEANING TO GET THE CHANCE TO FIGHT WITH KINNIKUMAN

SO I HAVE AN IDEA...

AND NOW YOU'RE HERE TO OPPOSE US!

WHY DON'T WE HOLD A TAG TEAM MATCH RIGHT NOW!?

YOU AND KINNIKUMAN AGAINST ME AND MARIQUITA-MAN!

AS A FAMILY TAG TEAM!?

W-WHAT!? Y-YOU MEAN THE PRINCE AND ATARU WILL HAVE TO FIGHT...

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IS THIS THE START OF THE "REAL MUSCLE BROTHERS"!?

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AND BEAT THE PANTS OFF OF YOU JERKS!
WE'RE GONNA MAKE AN AWESOME TAG TEAM
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OH YEAH! IF ME AND MY BIG BRO TEAM UP, WE'D FLATTEN YOU TWO!

BUT WE NEED TO KNOW IF YOU'RE UP FOR IT, SOLDIER. WELL?
SEE? EVEN YOUR LITTLE BROTHER SEES HOW CONVENIENT THIS PLAN IS.
WHA... ATARU?
!?
A TAG TEAM MATCH, HUH...
NO!

WHAT? BUT WHY!?
WHY'D YOU SAY NO!?

TO FIGHT THIS TAG TEAM MATCH IN YOUR CONDITION?
ARE YOU TRULY CERTAIN THAT YOU COULD BE ABLE
SUGURU. YOU'RE NOT BEING HONEST HERE, NOW ARE YOU?

YEAH. ATARU! I-I COULD!
UH... S- SURE!

ON YOUR BELLY.
THEN SHOW ME THAT INJURY
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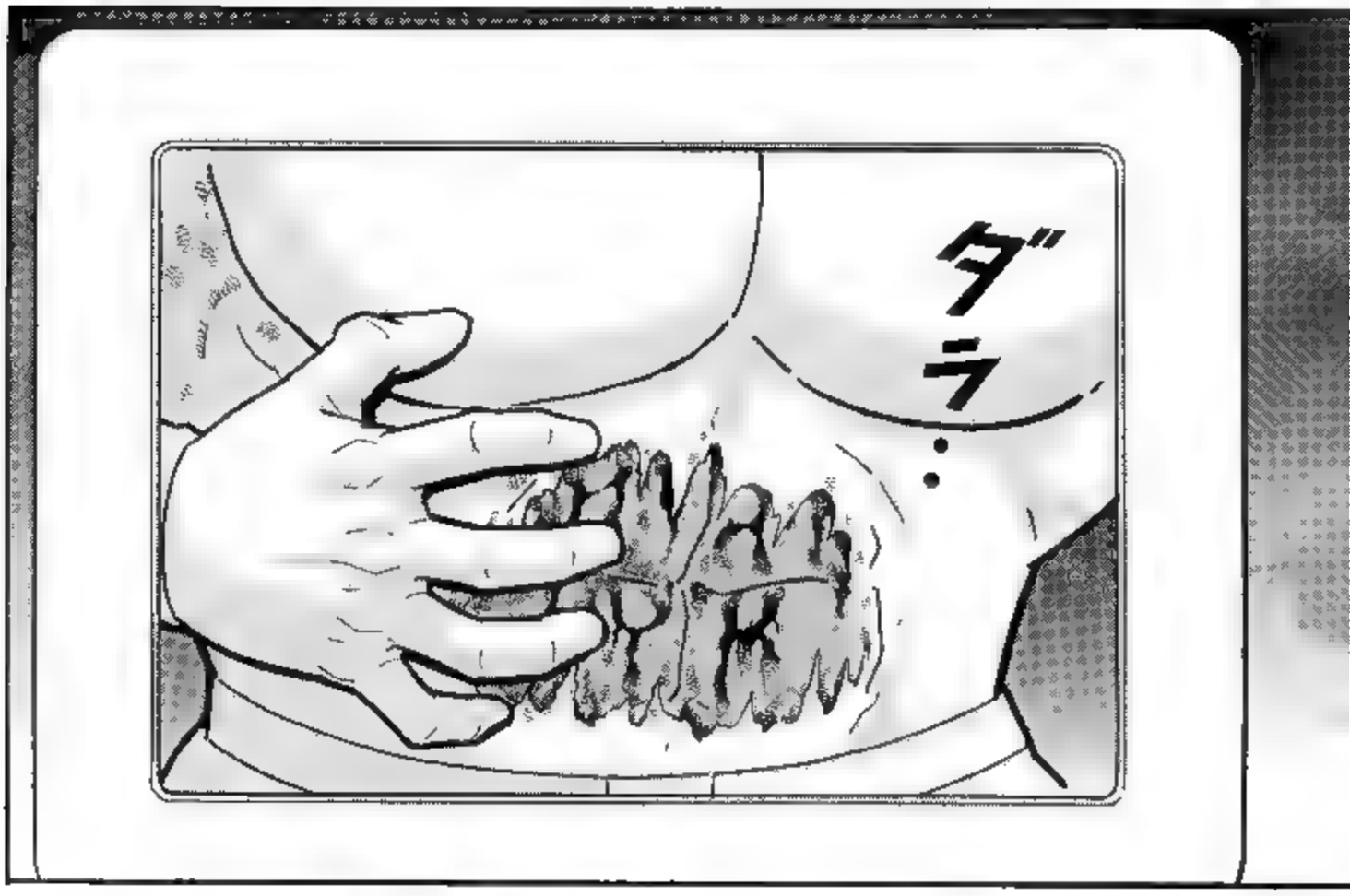
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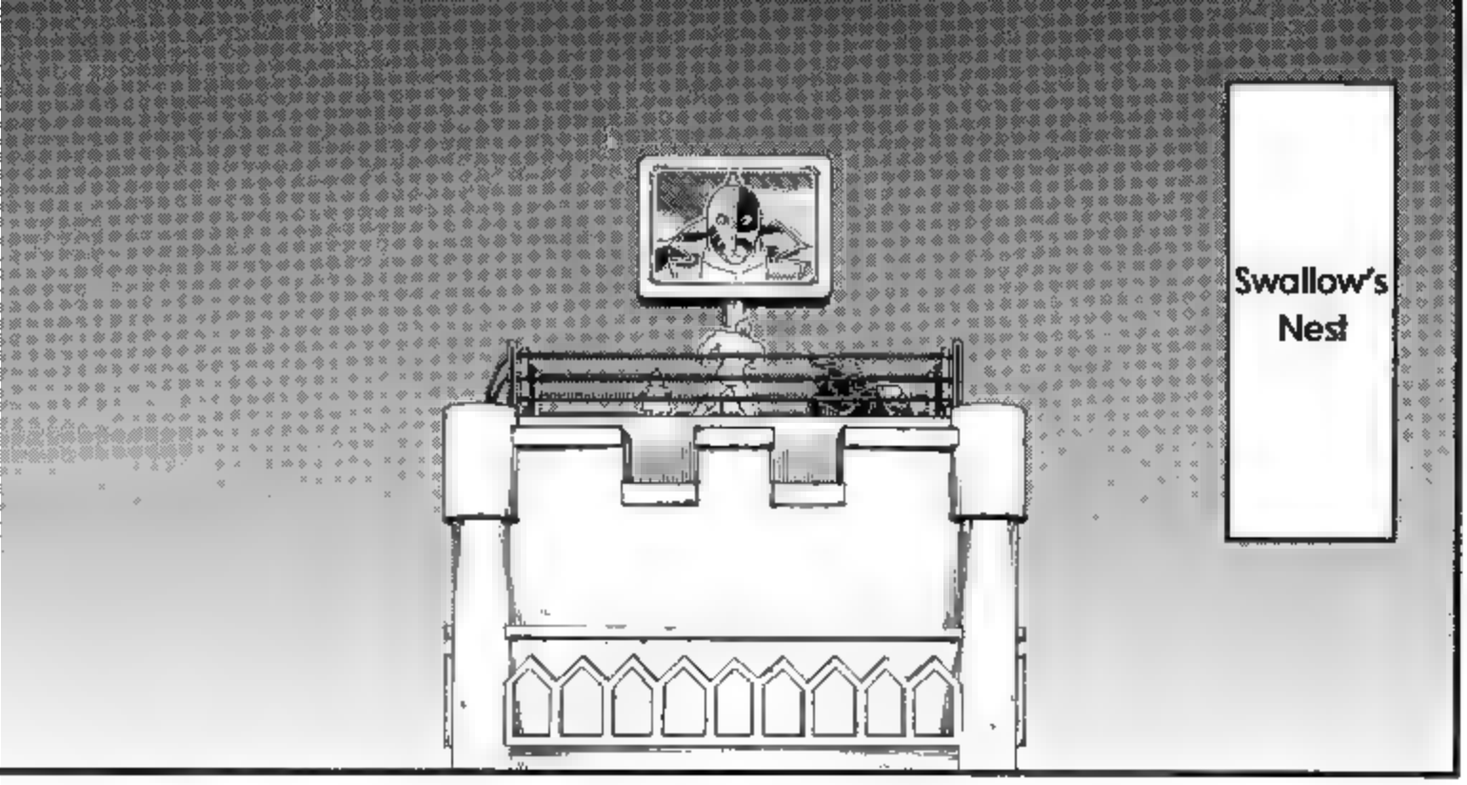
Swallow's Nest

PRINCE...

YOU CAN'T HONESTLY TELL ME
YOU CAN FIGHT ON WITH SUCH A DEEP WOUND.

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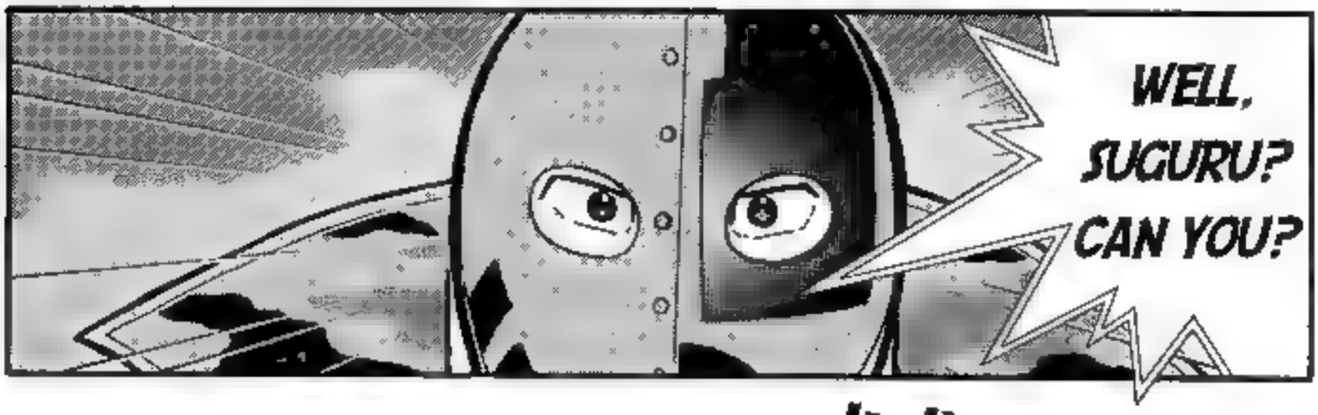
ARE YOU TRULY SURE YOU COULD BEAT CHOUJIN AS STRONG AS THEM WHILE ENDURING THAT TEAR ON YOUR ABDOMEN?
LISTEN TO ME, THESE CHOUJIN ARE NO JOKE. THEY MANAGED TO BEAT PHOENIX AND ZEBRA ON THEIR OWN.


WELL, SUGURU? CAN YOU?

B-BESIDES... I CAN'T LET SOMETHING AS SMALL AS THIS CUT...
S-SURE... THIS LITTLE CUT... ON MY BELLY? I CAN POWER ON WITH IT!
MAKE ME PASS UP A CHANCE... TO FIGHT A MATCH WITH MY BIG BROTHER...

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PRINCE!
GAH!
I'M SURE YOU CAN SEE THAT SUGURU'S IN NO CONDITION TO FIGHT RIGHT NOW.
SO I'M AFRAID I CAN'T SEE MYSELF ACCEPTING YOUR PLAN
IF I HAVE TO PUT HIM IN DANGER...
BUT... ATARU... IF YOU WON'T TAG WITH ME...
THEN HOW'RE YOU GONNA STOP THOSE TWO...?

SO THERE'S NO WAY FOR MARIPOSA AND BIG BODY
TO MAKE THEIR WAY HERE FAST ENOUGH.
YOUR BROTHER'S RIGHT, SOLDIER.
YOU'RE ONLY ONE CHOUJIN, AND EVEN THE OTHER PRINCES CAN'T HELP YOU.
THE WORMHOLES THAT LED TO HAILMAN AND GEAR MASTER'S RINGS CLOSED WHEN THEY DIED.

AND SUGURU'S IN NO CONDITION TO FIGHT.
BUT IT SEEMS THERE'S NO TIME FOR THAT.
I'D PREFER WAITING FOR THEM TO GET HERE,

OH REALLY? SO WHAT'RE YOU PLANNING TO DO?
A WAY TO TAKE CARE OF YOU TWO IN A TIMELY FASHION.
IT MIGHT LOOK LIKE I'M OUT OF OPTIONS, BUT I'VE GOT A PLAN.

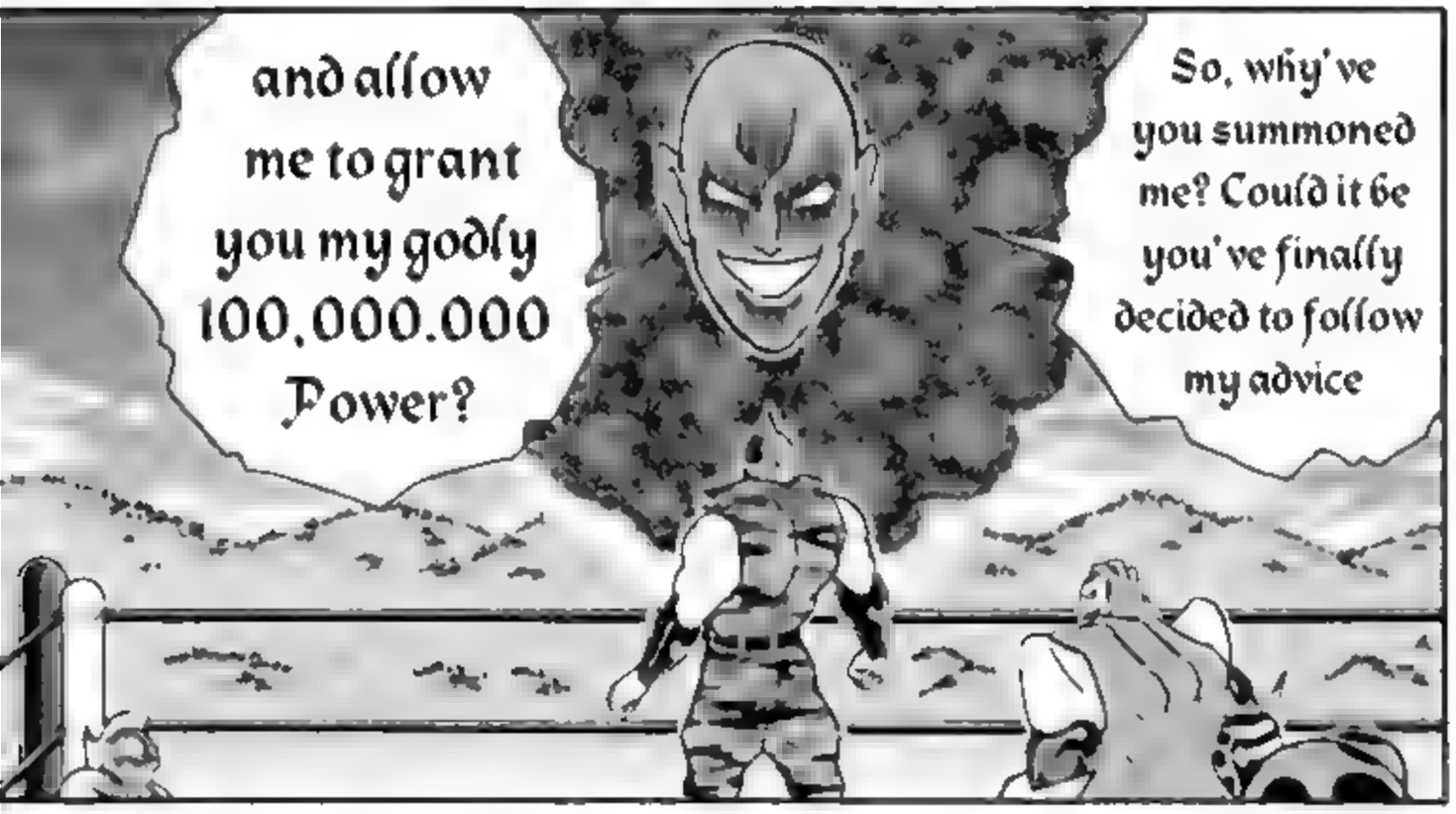
COME FORTH, GOD OF BRUTALITY!

BORROW A GOD'S POWER.

HUH!?

Who's out there saying my name to summon me!
Heh heh heh... What a surprise! Ataru Kinniku,

PEH, SUCH AN EYESORE.
WHA!? WHAT'S HE DOING HERE!?


and allow me to grant you my godly 100,000,000 Power?
So, why've you summoned me? Could it be you've finally decided to follow my advice

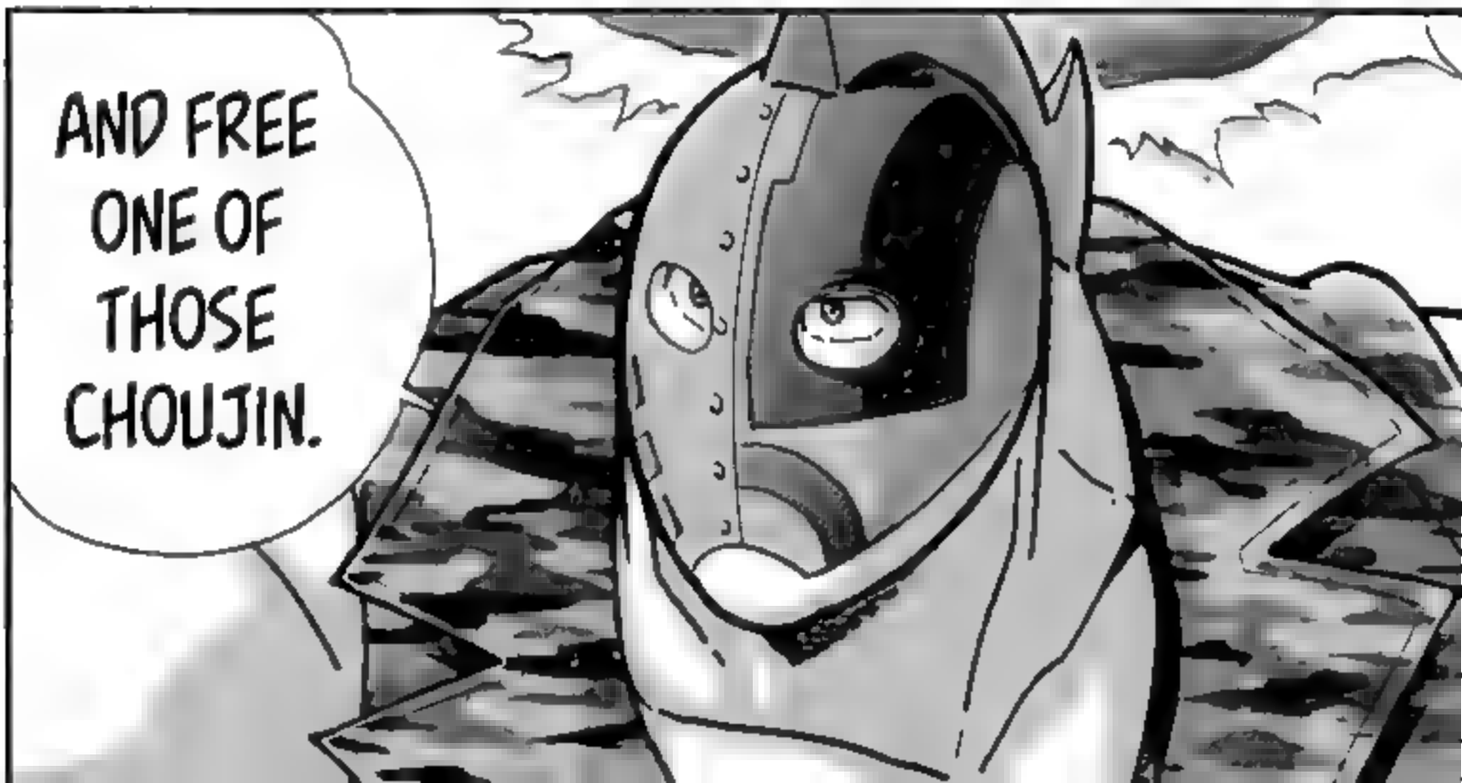
I HAVEN'T CHANGED MY MIND.
I ALREADY TOLD YOU I DON'T NEED YOUR POWER.
H- HUH!? NO!
OH MY.

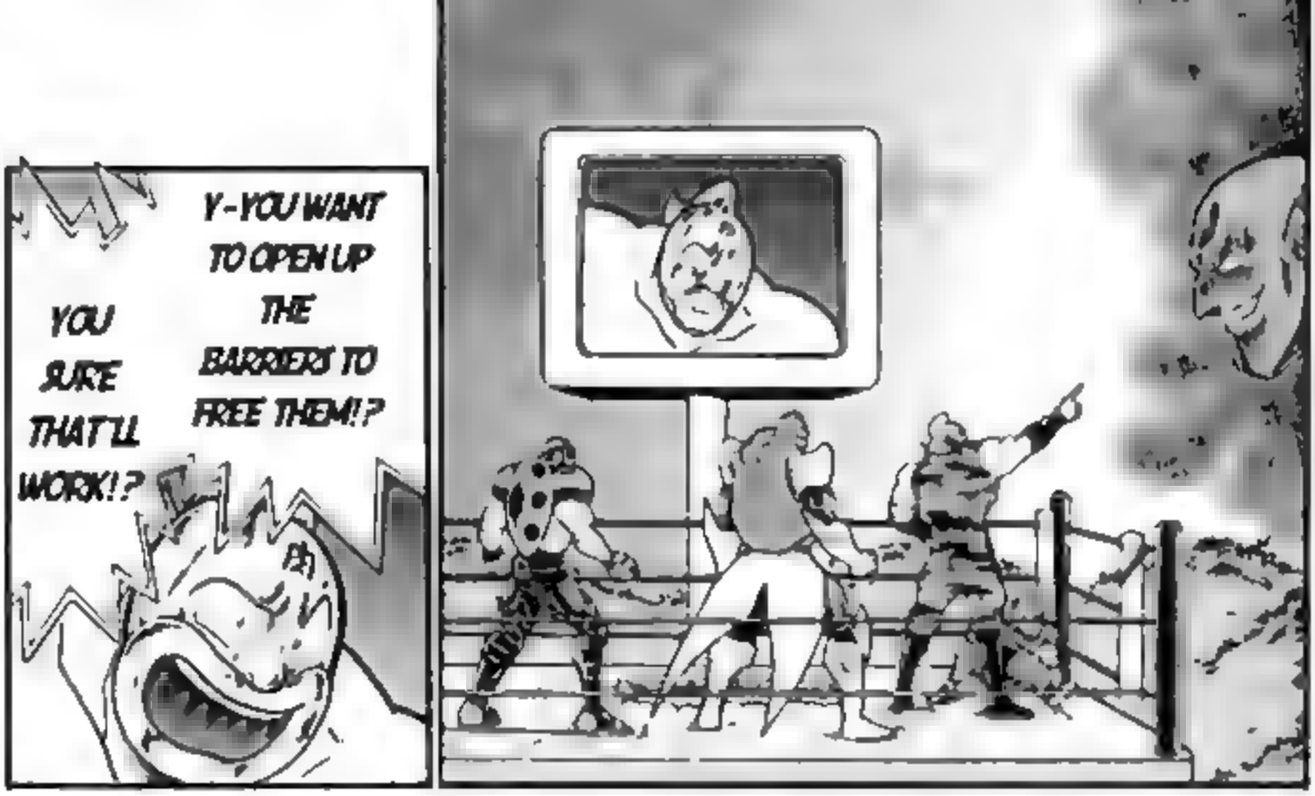
I NEED YOUR HELP IN MAKING A PLAN WORK, GOD OF BRUTALITY.
AS I SEE IT, IT MUST TAKE AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF ENERGY TO BOOST JUST ONE NORMAL CHOUJIN'S CHOUJIN STRENGTH
UP TO THE UNNATURAL LEVEL OF 100,000,000 POWER.

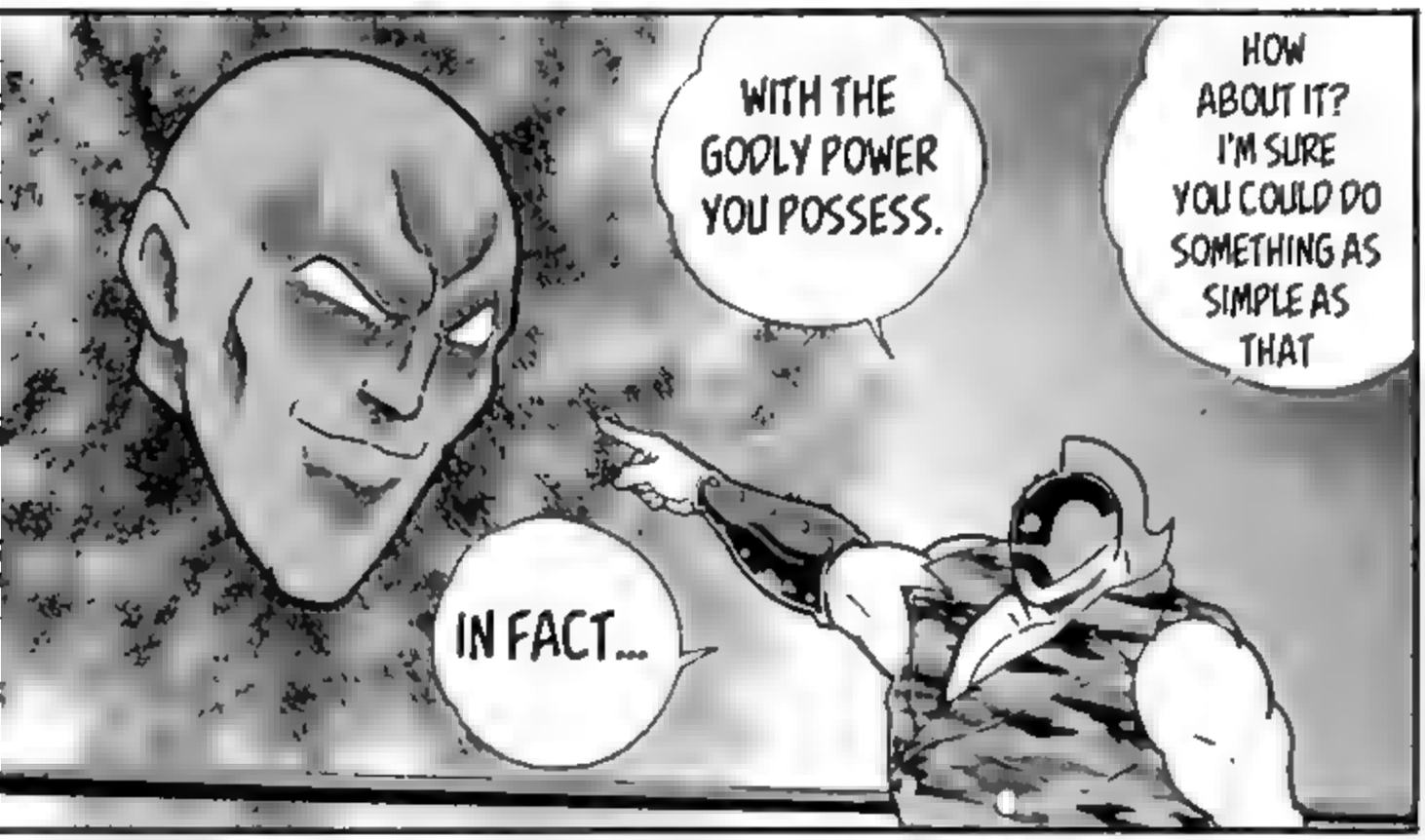
Then what other reason could you have called me here for?
I've already told you everything I know.
What else do you want from me, if not my power?

Okay. I'm listening...
In a different way, huh?
BUT WHAT IF WE USED THAT INCREDIBLE ENERGY
IN A DIFFERENT WAY?
IT TRULY IS AN ACT THAT BELONGS TO THE GODS ONLY.
I'M SURE YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT YOUR "ASSOCIATE" THE DEMON KING SATAN HAS TRAPPED MOST OF THE STRONGEST CHOUJIN AROUND
IN THEIR THREE BASES WITH A POWERFUL BARRIER.

BUT YOU DO, SINCE YOU'RE A GOD YOURSELF.
AND I'M SURE I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT WE NORMAL CHOUJIN
YOU COULD OPEN A HOLE IN ONE OF THOSE BARRIERS
DON'T HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO FIGHT SUCH SUPER-NATURAL POWERS.


AND FREE ONE OF THOSE CHOUJIN.


Y-YOU WANT TO OPEN UP THE BARRIERS TO FREE THEM!?
YOU SURE THAT'LL WORK!?

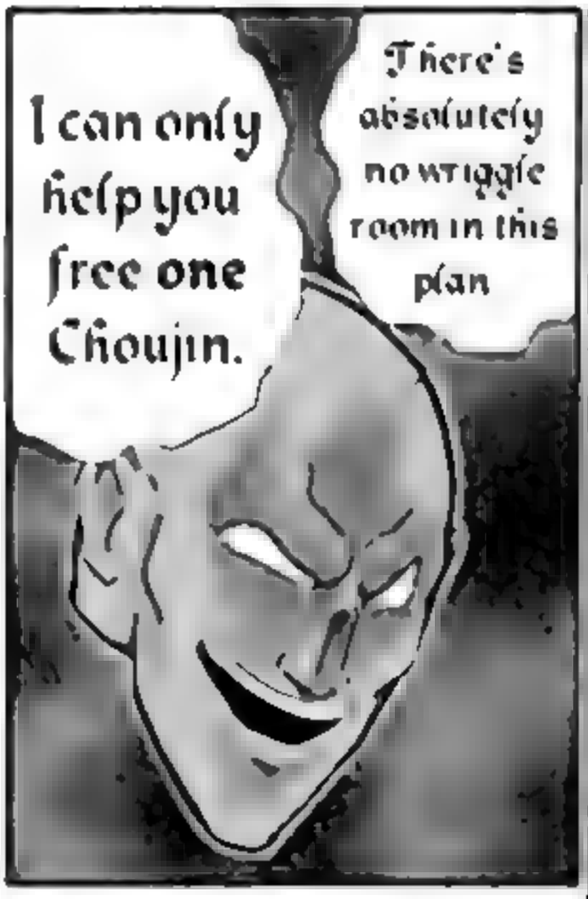

WITH THE GODLY POWER YOU POSSESS.
HOW ABOUT IT? I'M SURE YOU COULD DO SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS THAT
IN FACT...

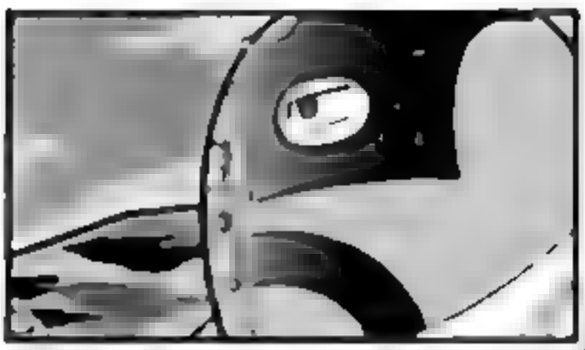
You seem quite sure about it...
Hah hah hah hah! What a creative solution!
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO.

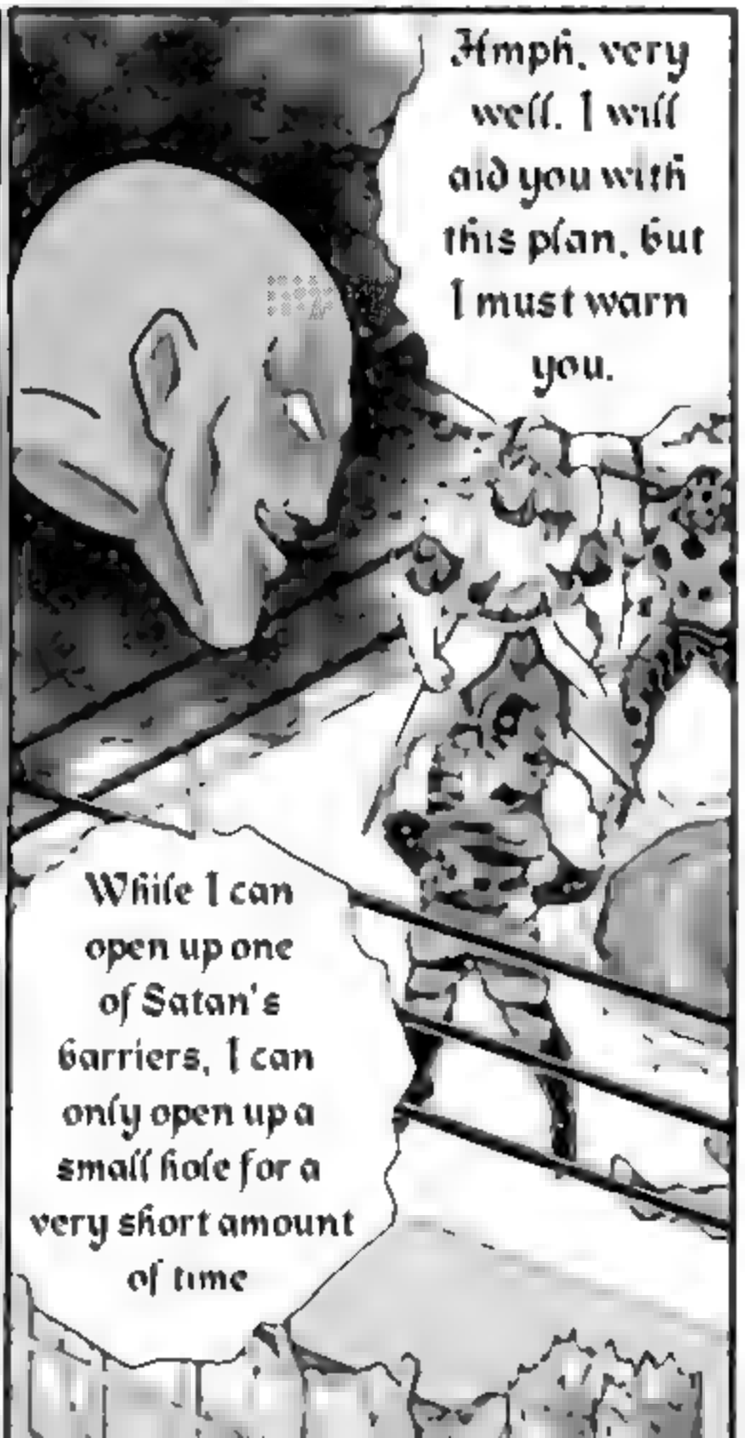
Are you truly certain you want me to use that power for your plan instead?
Think about it, not every Choujin gets to know that kind of incredible strength!
Well, it should be a simple matter, but if we go with your plan and I use my power for it,
I won't be able to grant you my 100,000,000 Power immediately afterwards.

I HAVE NO NEED FOR SUCH SEDUCTIVE POWER.
JUST GIVE UP TRYING TO COAX ME.

THAT'S WHY I NEED YOUR HELP IN HELPING ONE ESCAPE.
HAVING ANOTHER CHOUJIN WATCHING MY BACK WOULD BE OF GREATER HELP.
BESIDES, HAVING A POWER BOOST WILL DO ME NO GOOD AGAINST TWO CHOUJIN.


I can only help you free one Choujin.
There's absolutely no wriggle room in this plan




Hmph, very well. I will aid you with this plan, but I must warn you.
While I can open up one of Satan's barriers, I can only open up a small hole for a very short amount of time

Will you be fine with just one lone Choujin?

THAT'LL BE MORE THAN ENOUGH.
WHAT TROOPER WILL SOLDIER PICK!?

So you're absolutely fine with that then...
If you're truly set on seeing your plan realized instead, then fine.
I'll grant you your wish.
SOLDIER BARGAINS WITH A GOD!
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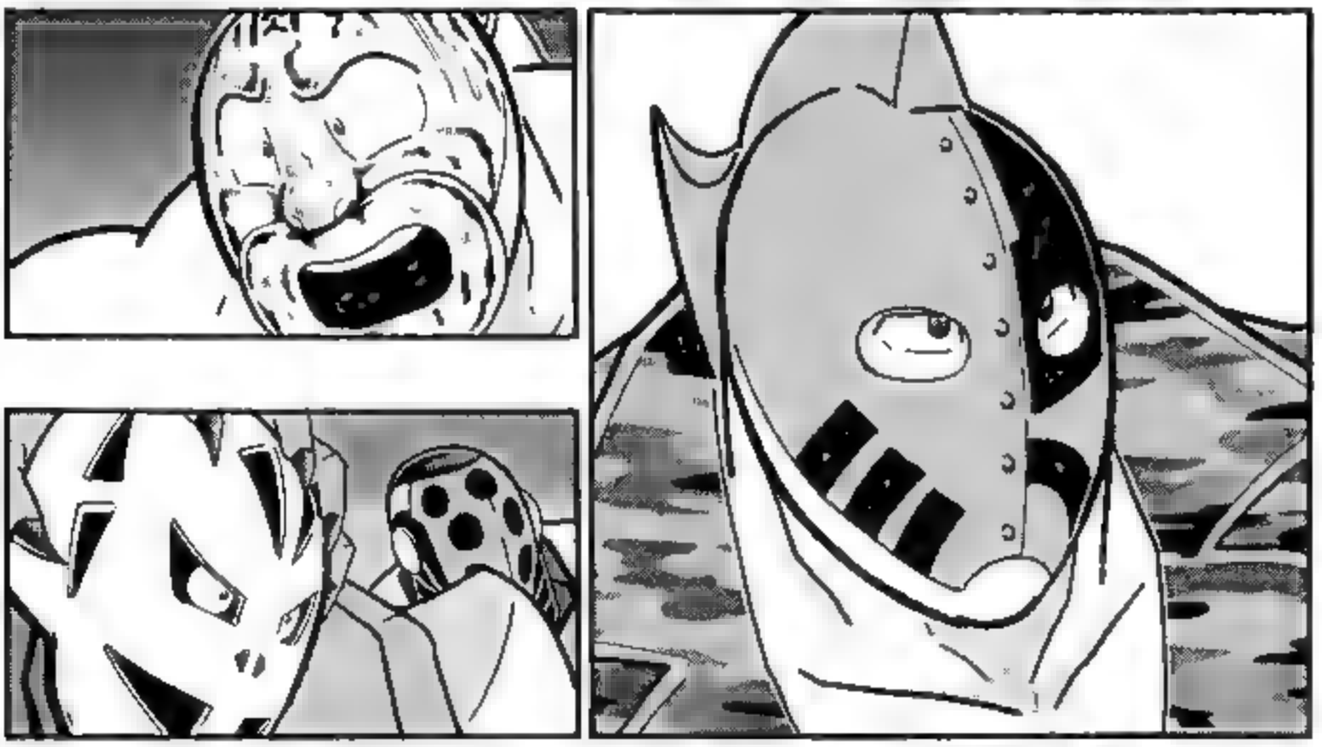

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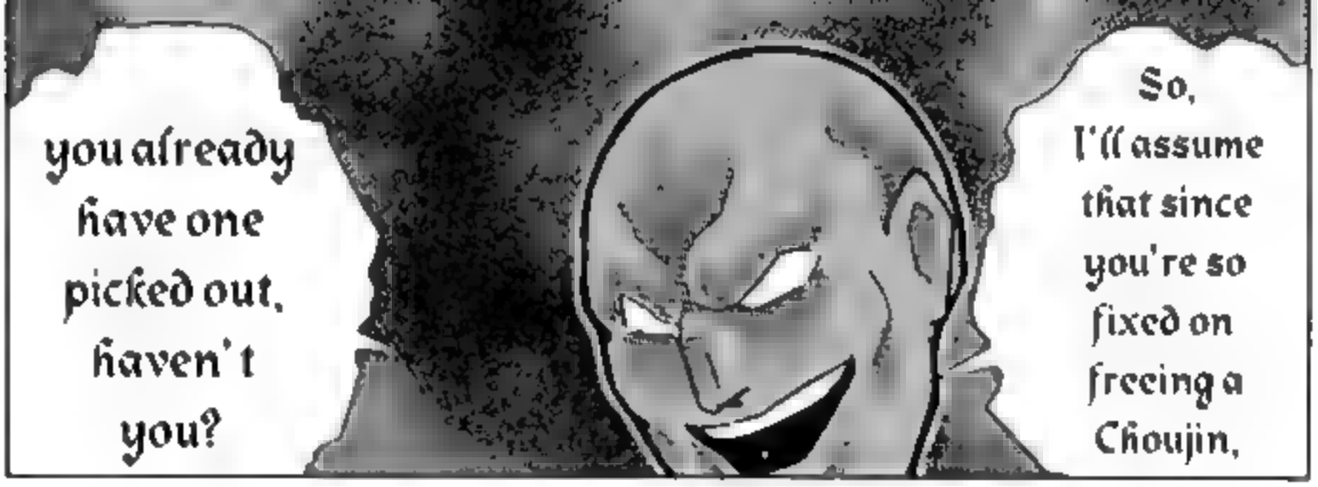
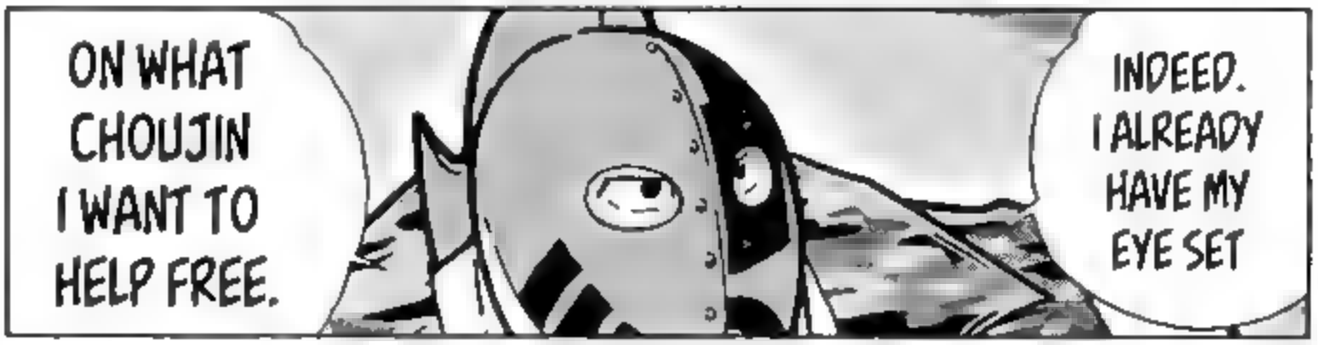
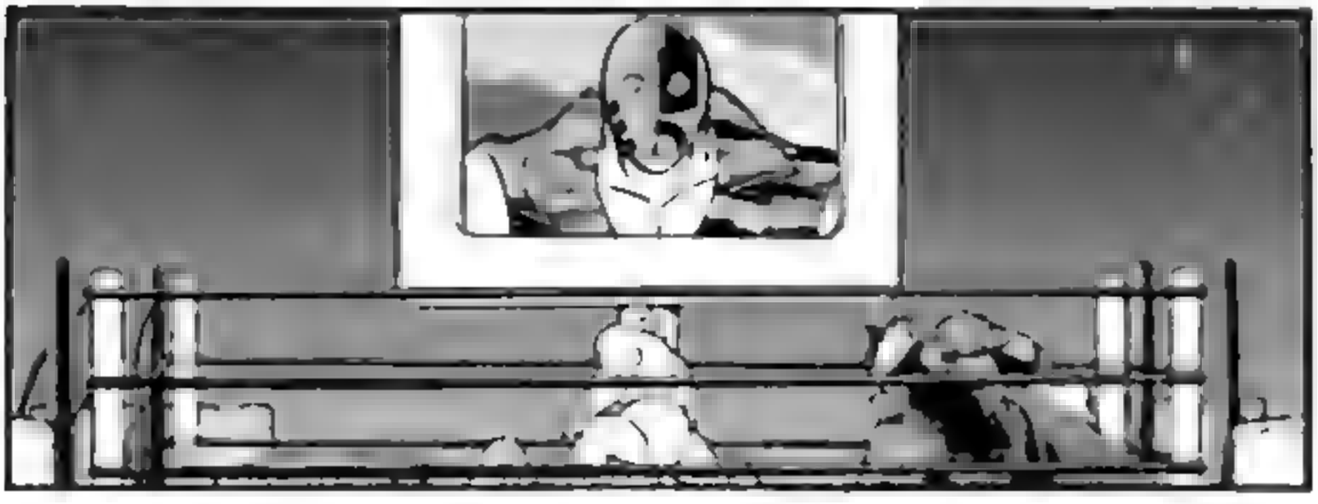

So, I'll assume that since you're so fixed on freeing a Choujin,
you already have one picked out, haven't you?


INDEED. I ALREADY HAVE MY EYE SET
ON WHAT CHOUJIN I WANT TO HELP FREE.

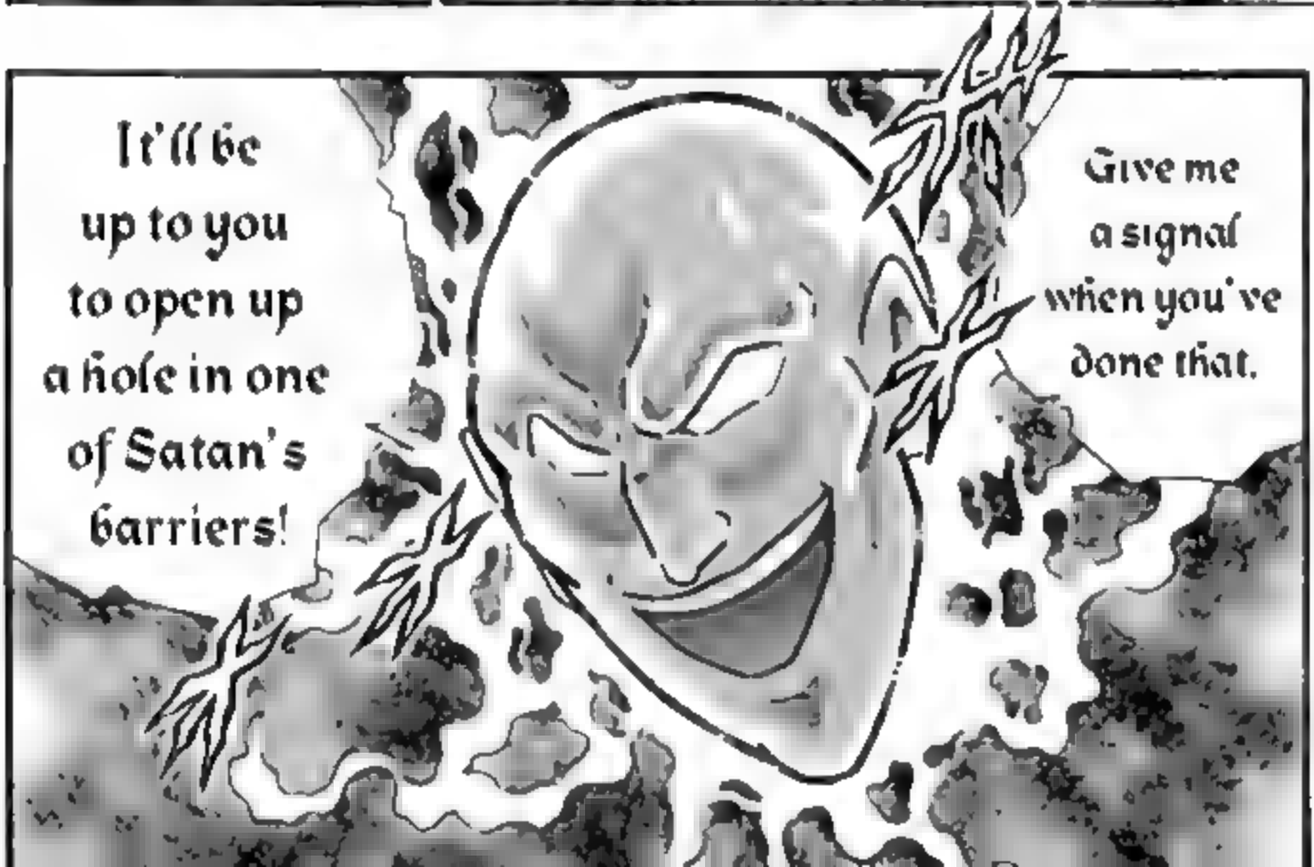
AND I'M HOPING THAT CHOUJIN
WILL BE JUST AS READY

TO HELP ME IN THE TAG MATCH.



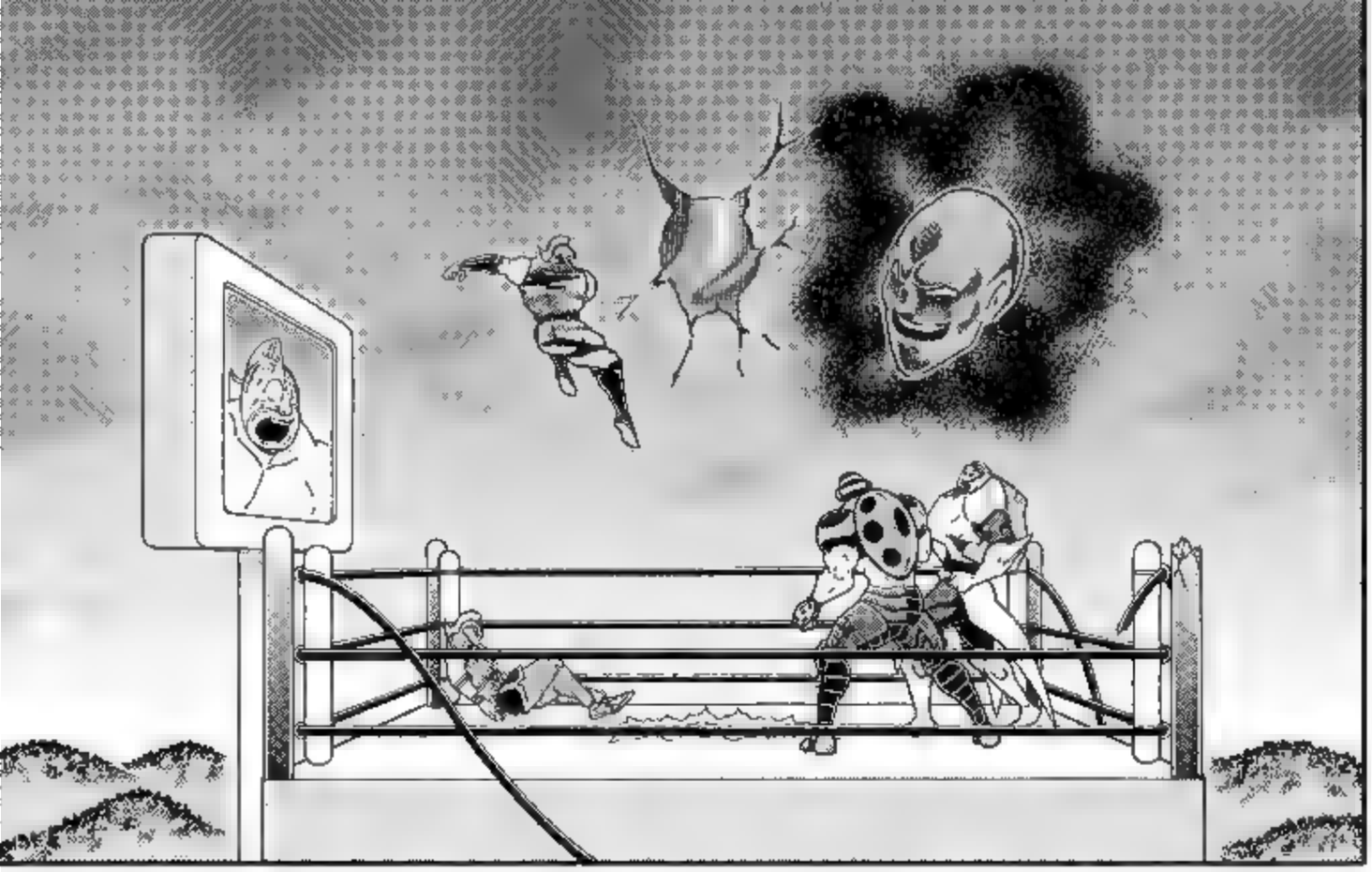
JUST WHO COULD IT BE...?
HE... HE'S ALREADY DECIDED ON WHO TO PICK FOR HIS TAG TEAM PARTNER?

Ataru Kinniku, for this to work, you must first imagine
the Choujin you want to free from one of Satan's prisons and keep that image in your mind's eye!
Okay, let's get this underway!


It'll be up to you to open up a hole in one of Satan's barriers!
Give me a signal when you've done that.

I'M DONE!
NOW FREE YOUR CHOUJIN!
HIYAH!

DEAH!



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WOAH! HE JUST OPENED UP A CRACK IN THE AIR!

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GOTCHA!
NOW GET OUT HERE!
DON'T WORRY, I WON'T LET GO!

YOU'LL ALL BE SEEING HIM SOON...
HERE'S THE CHOUJIN I'VE PICKED OUT!
The hole won't last long!
Stop wasting time and pull him out then!

DEYAH!
NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN...
WHAT THE!?
HE PICKED HIM!?

BROCKEN JUNIOR!

IT'S BEEN QUITE A WHILE, BROCKEN.
LOOKIE THERE! BROCKEN'S OUT!

SEEING YOU SO SUDDENLY... I'M FEELING A RUSH OF SO MANY DIFFERENT FEELINGS...
CAPTAIN SOLDIER! IT HAS BEEN QUITE A WHILE...

I DON'T VHICH ONE TO PICK...
I'VE GOT SO MANY QUESTIONS TO ASK...

COME NOW, YOU ALREADY KNOW.

BUT I THINK I'LL ASK ZIS ONE

VHY DID YOU PICK ME?

ACH! YOU MEAN... ZEE IDEALS OF ZEE CHOUJIN BLOOD BROTHERS BRIGADE!
THAT'S WHY I CALLED YOU OUT HERE!
THERE'S NO ONE ALIVE WHO UNDERSTANDS MY IDEALS BETTER THAN YOU!
LISTEN, BROCKEN. WHILE IT IS IMPORTANT FOR A TAG TEAM THAT EACH MEMBER SHOULD BE STRONG ON THEIR OWN,
IT'S UTTERLY VITAL THAT TAG PARTNERS SHOULD TRUST EACH OTHER COMPLETELY.
A TAG TEAM MATCH IS WHERE COOPERATION TRULY SHINES, WHERE 1+1 CAN LEAD TO AN INFINTIELY GREATER ANSWER.

AND NO OTHER CHOUJIN TRUSTS ME AS DEEPLY AS YOU DO.
SO OBVIOUSLY, I'D HAVE TO PICK A CHOUJIN I COULD TRUST AND WHO COULD TRUST ME BACK.

YOU... THINK ZAT OF ME?

INDEED. I CAN TELL JUST HOW DEEPLY YOU TRUST ME.

IN FACT... YOU COULD SAY THAT YOU UNDERSTAND ME MORE THAN EVEN SUGURU DOES, BROCKEN.

YOU DON'T MIND, DO YOU?
SO I CALLED YOU OUT HERE TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP.
WITH ALL THAT GOING FOR YOU, YOU WERE THE BEST PICK FOR A TAG PARTNER
NEIN, NEIN! FAR FROM IT!
TO FIGHT A TAG TEAM MATCH VIZ YOU, CAPTAIN SOLDIER!?
WHO COULD TURN DOWN BEING PICKED
THIS CHANCE IS SUCH AN INCREDIBLE HONOUR!

I... I DON'T KNOW IF I COULD...
IT'S JUST ZAT... OUT OF ALL OTHER CHOUJIN, YOU ACTUALLY PICKED ME...

Ramenman!

YOU MADE ZEE RIGHT CHOICE!
NEVERMIND, CAPTAIN!

I'LL GIVE IT MY ALL AND THEN SOME!
TO MAKE YOU NOT REGRET PICKING ME!
AND DON'T WORRY! I'LL MAKE IT MY MISSION

THAT'S WHAT I LIKE TO HEAR.
YOU CAN COUNT ON ME, CAPTAIN!
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WELCOME TO THE FRONT, SOLDIER!
TO TAKE ON YOUR CHALLENGE.
NOW THEN, I THINK WE'RE READY

YOU GOT ANY PROBLEMS WITH THAT?
WE'LL TAKE YOU ON AS THE TEAM FULL METAL JACKETS!

NO... WE'VE GOT NO OBJCETIONS HERE! LET'S DO THIS!
TWO EXPLOSIVE SHELLS ARE AIMED RIGHT AT THE ONLY HOPES OF THE OMEGAS!

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WOW... A TRULY INCREDIBLE MATCH-UP'S JUST MATERIALIZED IN FRONT OF US!

THE FULL METAL JACKETS ARE LOCKED AND LOADED!!

WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT THAT THE STAKES WOULD ONLY GET HIGHER

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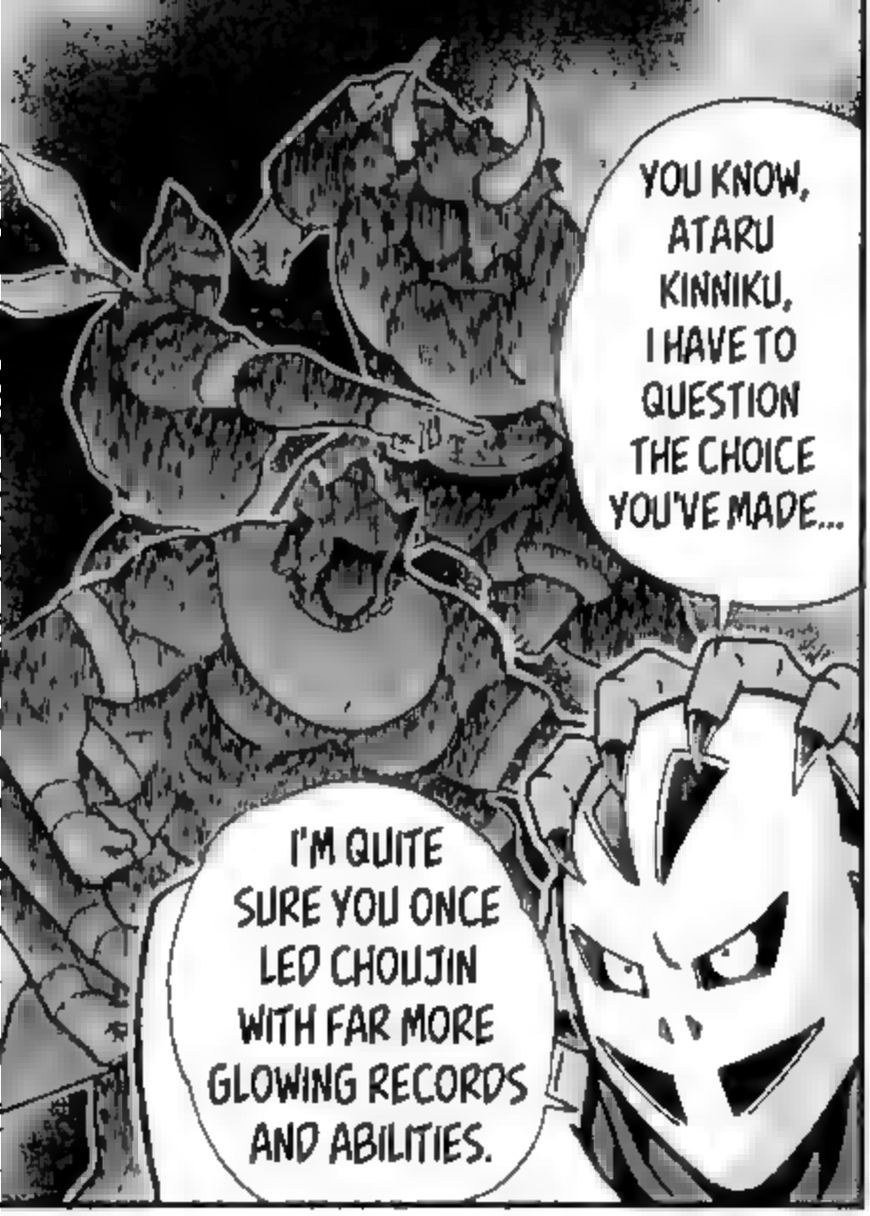
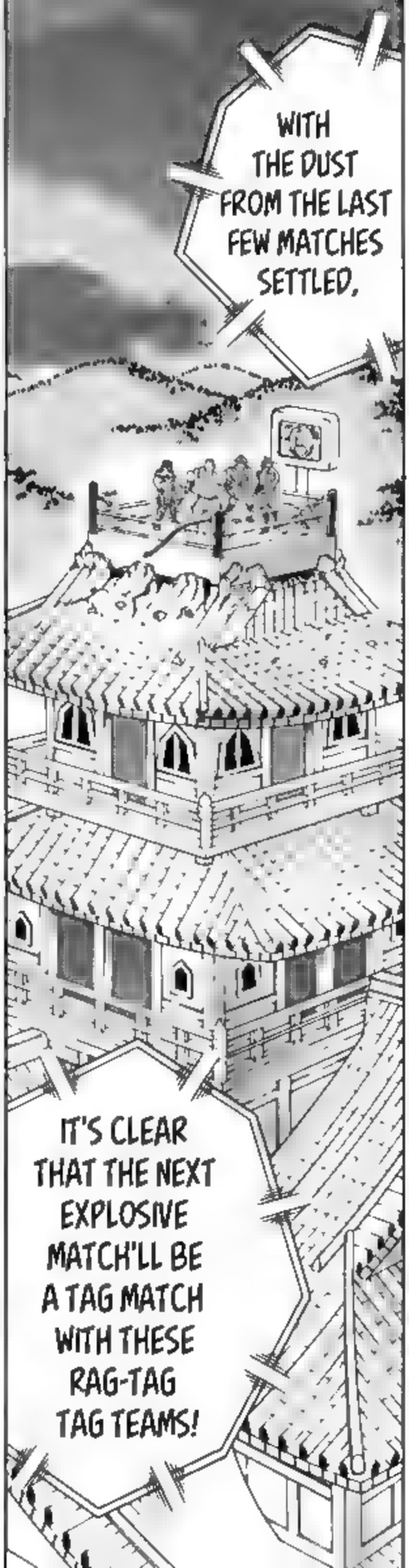
ARE OMEGAMAN ARISTERA AND MARIQUITA-MAN!
AFTER THOSE FOUR MATCHES WITH THE FATED PRINCES, ALL THAT'S LEFT OF THE SIX SPEARS THAT'RE STILL FIGHTING

AND HIS RIGHT HAND MAN, BROCKEN JR. TO OPPOSE THEM AS THE TAG TEAM "THE FULL METAL JACKETS"!
SOLDIER,


YOU KNOW, ATARU KINNIKU, I HAVE TO QUESTION THE CHOICE YOU'VE MADE...
I'M QUITE SURE YOU ONCE LED CHOUJIN WITH FAR MORE GLOWING RECORDS AND ABILITIES.


WITH THE DUST FROM THE LAST FEW MATCHES SETTLED,
IT'S CLEAR THAT THE NEXT EXPLOSIVE MATCH'LL BE A TAG MATCH WITH THESE RAG-TAG TAG TEAMS!

AND YET YOU PICKED A ROOKIE LIKE BROCKEN JR... WHY?

GRR... HOW DARE...

HMPH... YOU TALK LIKE YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT HE'S CAPABLE OF.
YOU DON'T KNOW HIM LIKE I DO.
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT MADE HIM THE BEST PICK AMONG ALL THOSE OTHER GREAT TROOPERS.

OR MAYBE YOU REALLY AREN'T FINE WITH TAKING US ON... IS THAT IT?

PLEASE EXCUSE MY RUDE OUTBURST.
YOU'RE RIGHT, I SPOKE OUT OF IGNORANCE BACK THERE.
NO NO! I'M COMPLETELY FINE WITH YOUR TAG TEAM!
WELL, OMEGAMAN ARISTERA?

ARISTERA...
FORGIVE MY QUICK JUDGEMENT.
I WOULDN'T SUGGEST HOLDING IT HERE, WHAT WITH THE HOLE AND THE ROOF OF THIS CASTLE BEING ONE SLIGHT TAP AWAY FROM COLLAPSING.
WELL THEN, GENTLEMEN... WHERE SHALL WE HAVE OUR MATCH?
SO I SUGGEST WE LEAVE THIS CASTLE
AND GO SET UP ANOTHER RING. WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I... I KNOW A RING YOU COULD USE...

PHOENIX!

NICE... TO SEE YOU AGAIN... SOLDIER...
I MEAN... ATARU KINNIKU...
PHOENIX...

URGH... I'LL SHOW YOU... LOOK AT THE SCREEN...
WHERE COULD WE FIND IT?
PHOENIX? YOU KNOW A RING WE COULD USE?
IT'S THERE...
I... I KNOW ZAT PLACE!
THOSE'RE JUST SOME PLAINS...
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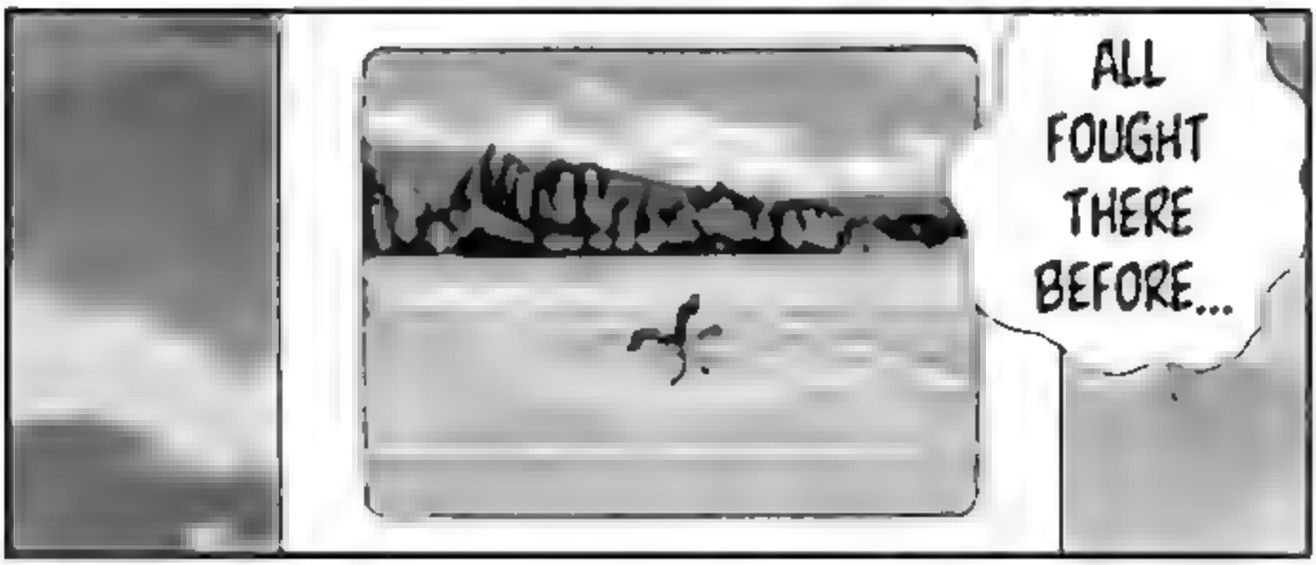
YOU, ME AND ATARU
OF COURSE YOU WOULD...


ALL FOUGHT THERE BEFORE...

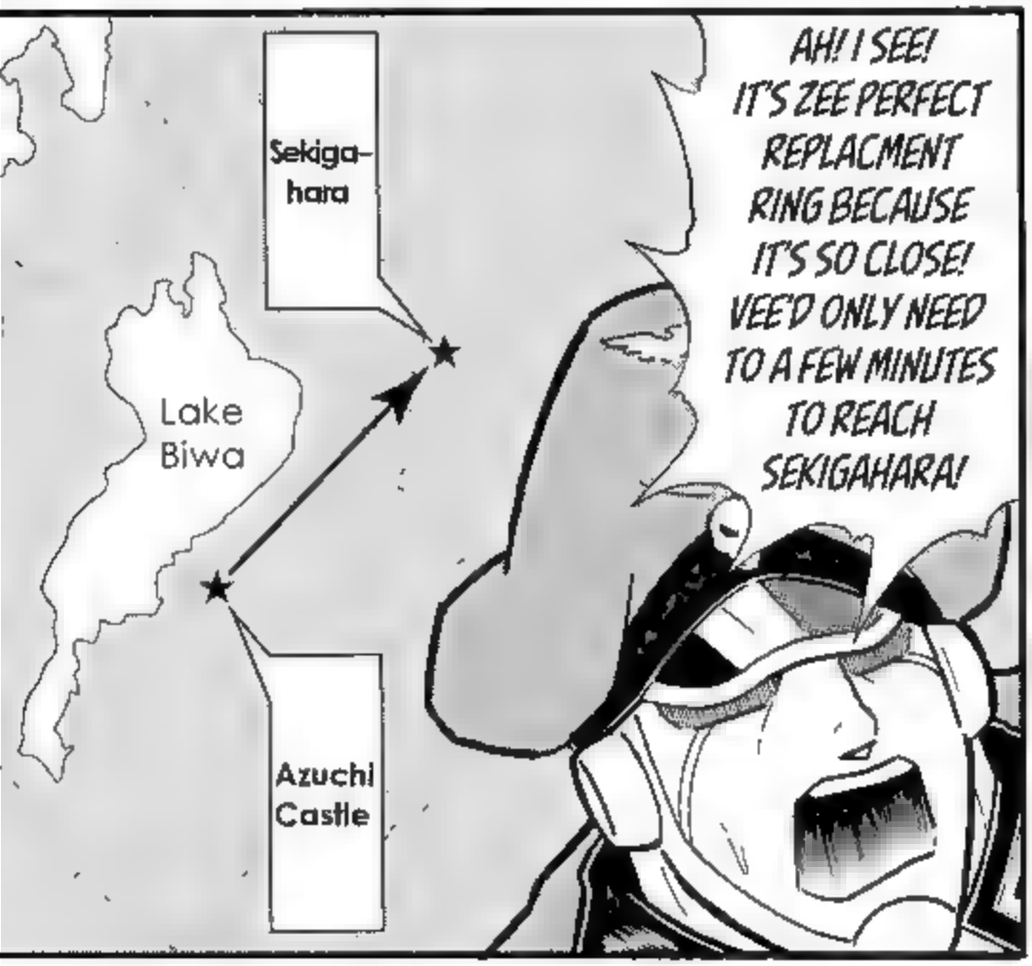
IT'S SEKIGA-HARA...

VAIT! ZAT RING!
ZAT'S ZEE FLOATING CUBE RING VHERE WE HAD OUR THREE-MAN TAG MATCH!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S STILL BURIED OVER ZHERE...

HMPH... DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU SEE...
IT'S EVEN MORE OF A WRECK THAN THIS RING!
HOW THE HELL'S THAT A RING WE CAN USE?
IT'S COMPLETELY BURIED AND BUSTED! WHY'D YOU EVEN SUGGEST IT?

BUT I THOUGHT WE'D NEED TO FIGHT IN SEKIGAHARA AS WELL...
I KNEW THAT WE'D BE FIGHTING HERE AT ONE OF THE OMEGAS' FORTS, AZUCHI CASTLE.

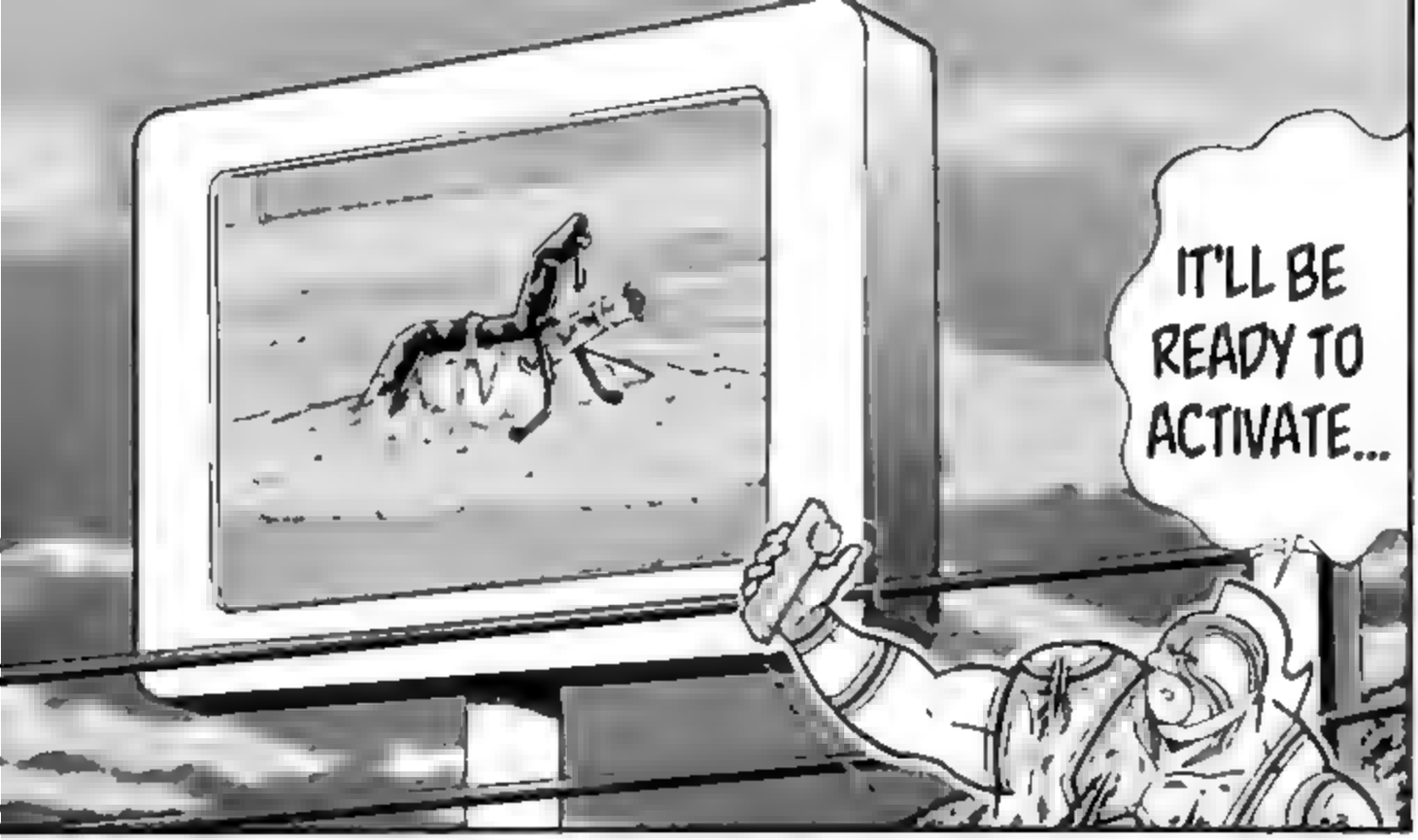
AND WE COULDN'T KEEP ON USING THE RING HERE...
IN CASE WE'D END UP FIGHTING HERE
THAT'S WHY I TRIED PREPARING THE RING THERE


Sekiga-hara
Lake Biwa
Azuchi Castle
AH! I SEE! IT'S ZEE PERFECT REPLACMENT RING BECAUSE IT'S SO CLOSE! VEE'D ONLY NEED TO A FEW MINUTES TO REACH SEKIGAHARA!

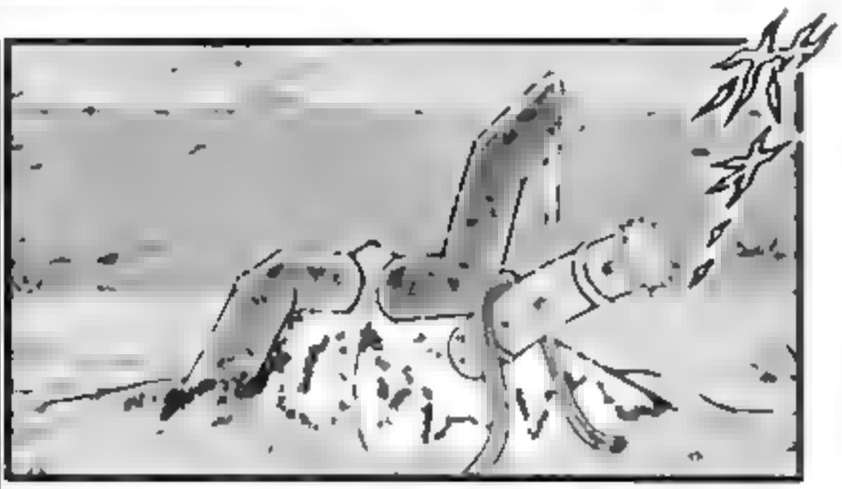
TO SWITCH TO IF WE NEEDED IT...
IT'D BE THE PERFECT ALTERNATE RING

IT DIDN'T TAKE TOO LONG TO PREPARE IT, SO NOW...

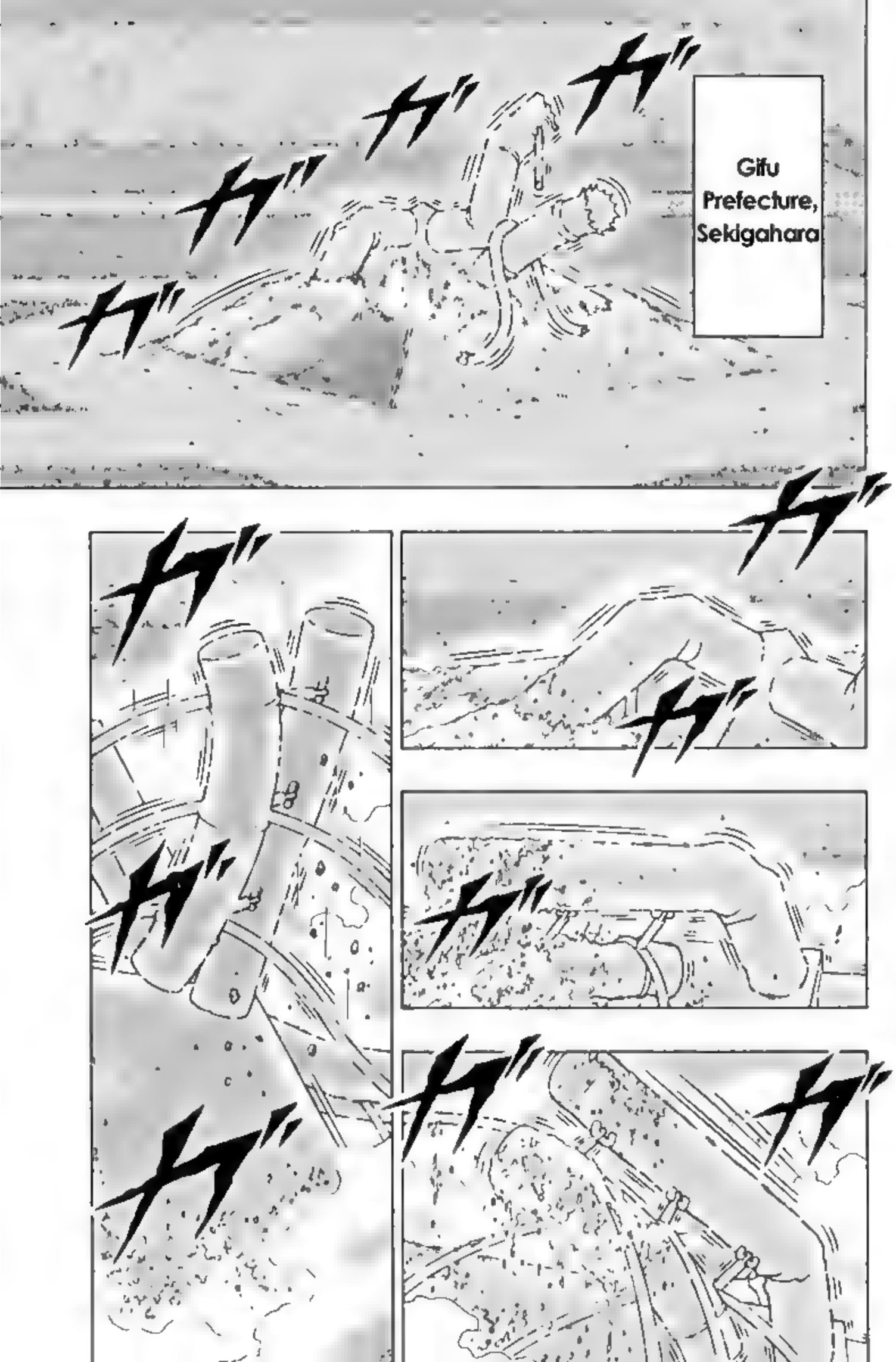
IT SHOULD STILL BE ACTIVE...
VAHT!? BUT HOW!?
ONCE IT REACTS TO A STRONG DESIRE TO WRESTLE...
DON'T LET ITS DRAB APPEARANCE FOOL YOU...


IT'LL BE READY TO ACTIVATE...

HEH HEH... LOOK AT IT ALREADY REACTING TO HOW MUCH WE WANT TO WRESTLE. ALL THE WAY OVER THERE...
IT SHOULD BE READY TO ACTIVATE NOW!



NOW... WATCH AS THIS RING...
RESTORES ITSELF...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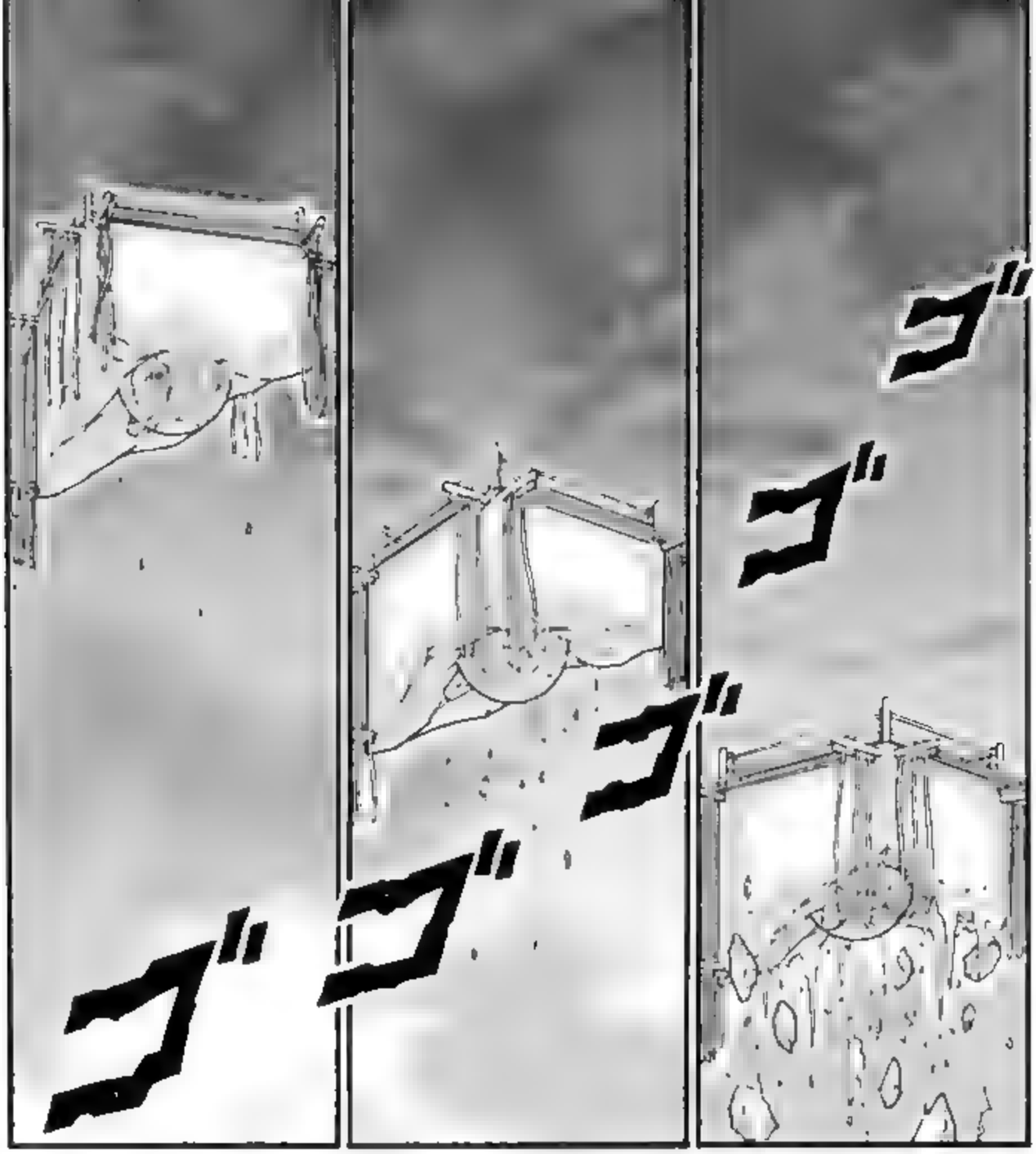
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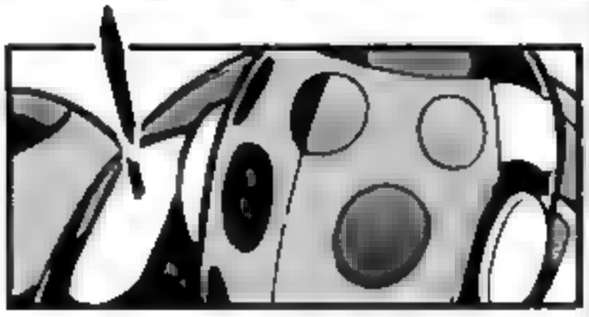

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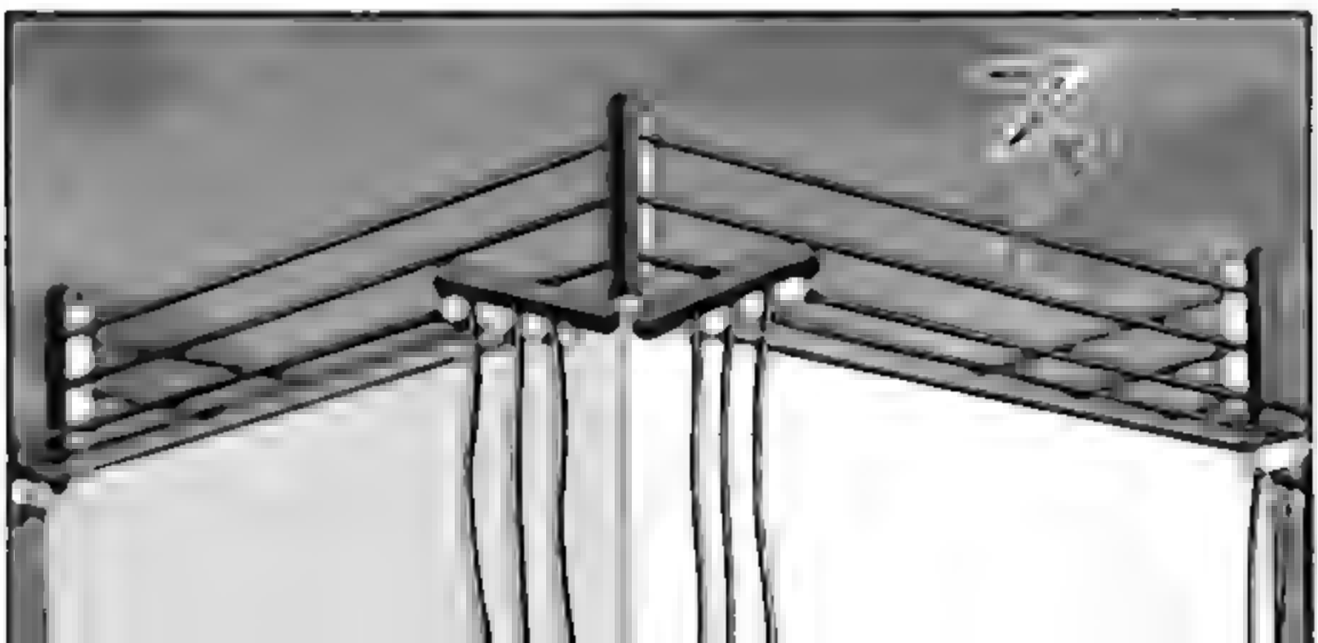
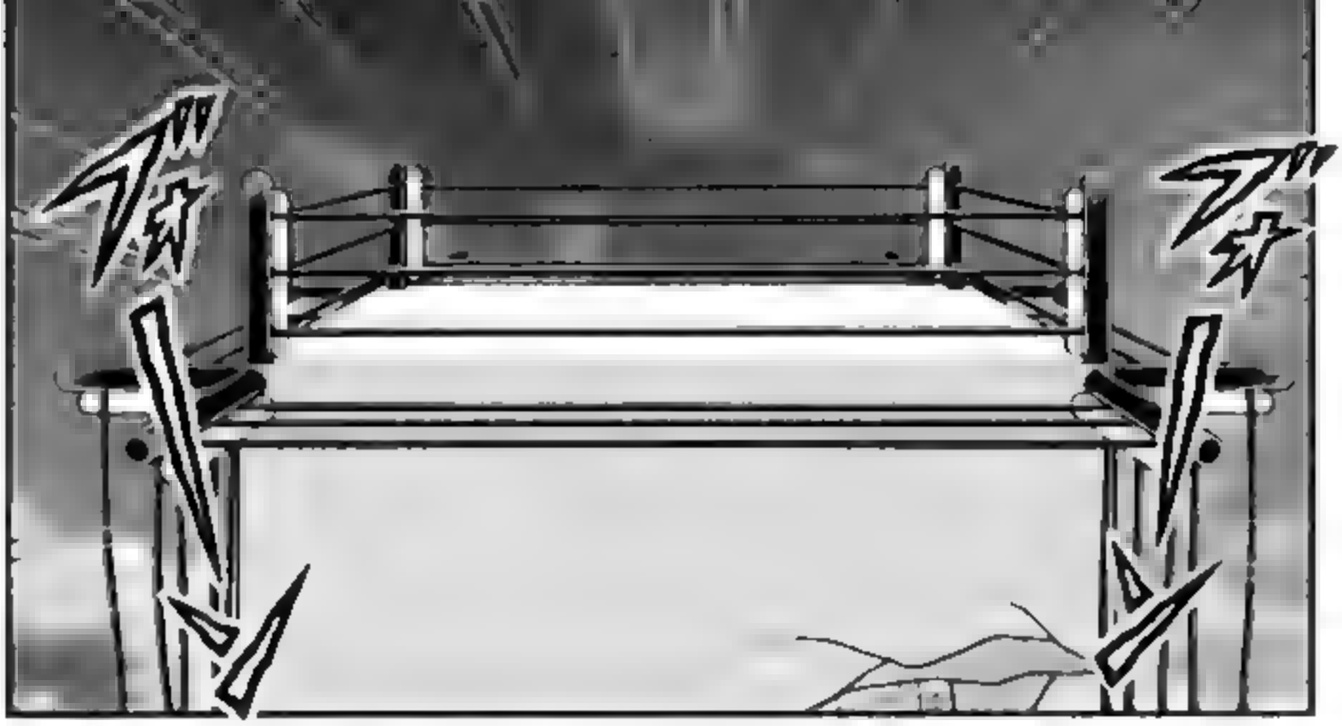
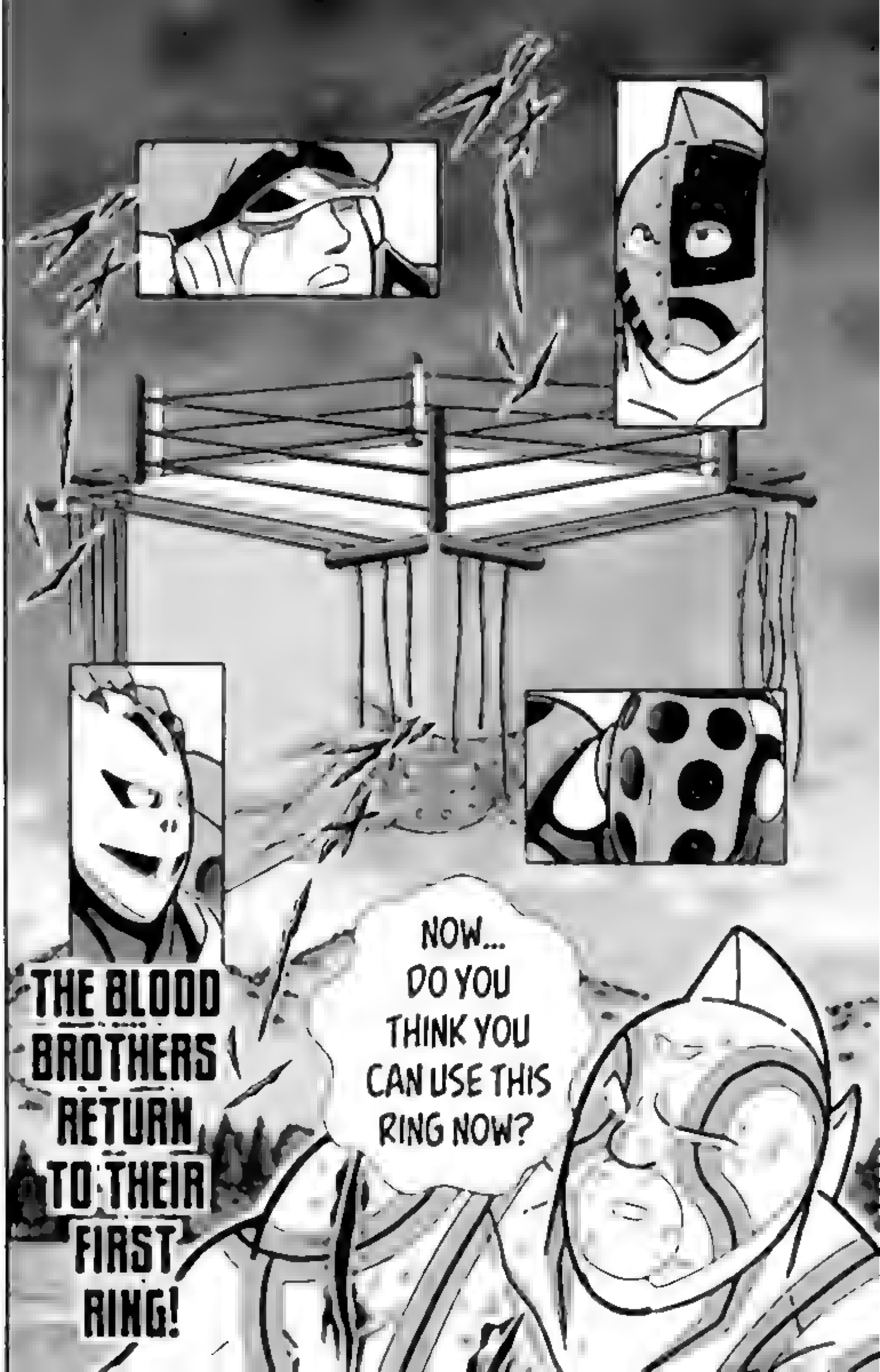
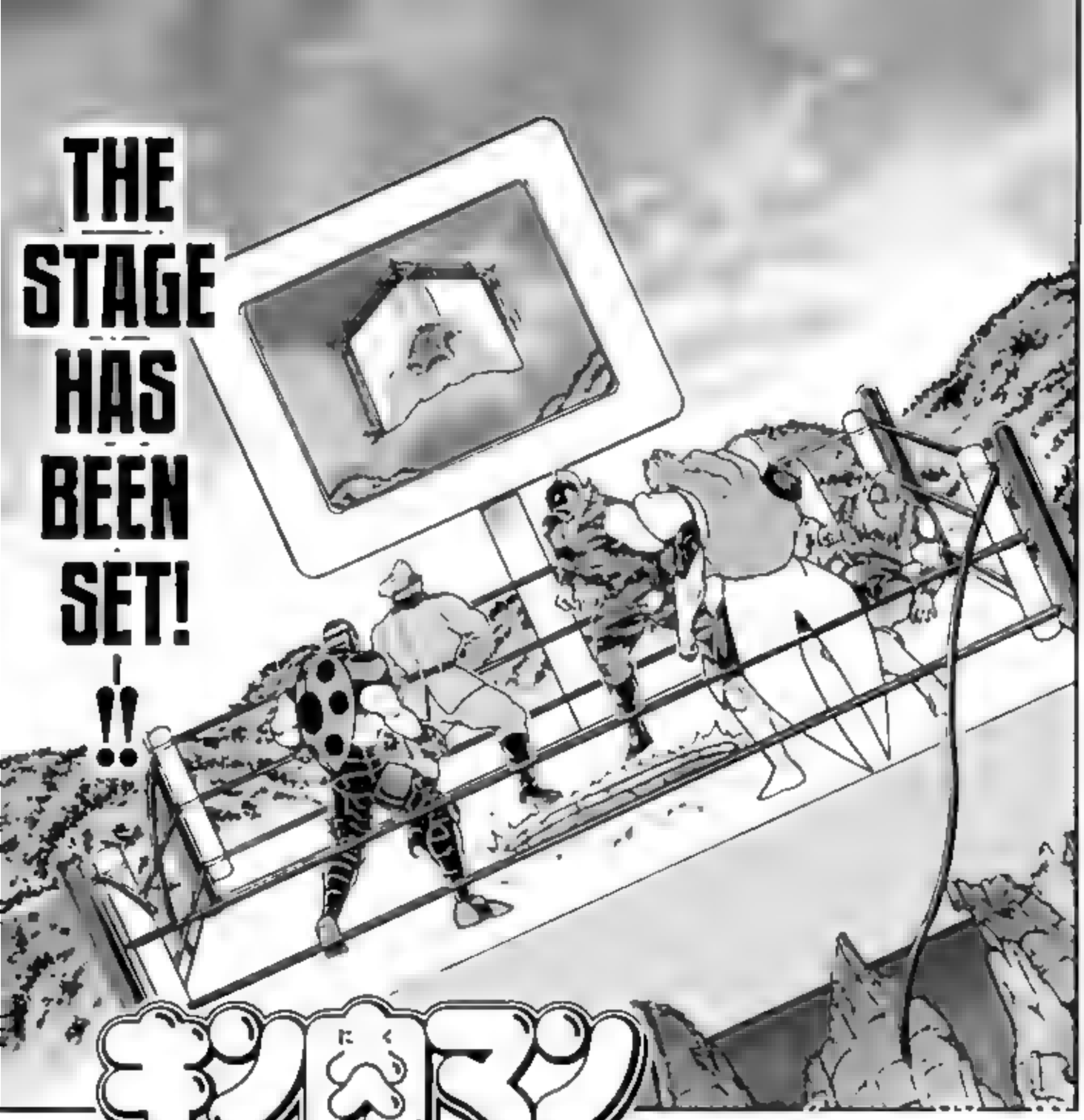
HOW'S ZIS... IT'S FLOATING BACK UP AGAIN!






THE BLOOD BROTHERS RETURN TO THEIR FIRST RING!
NOW... DO YOU THINK YOU CAN USE THIS RING NOW?



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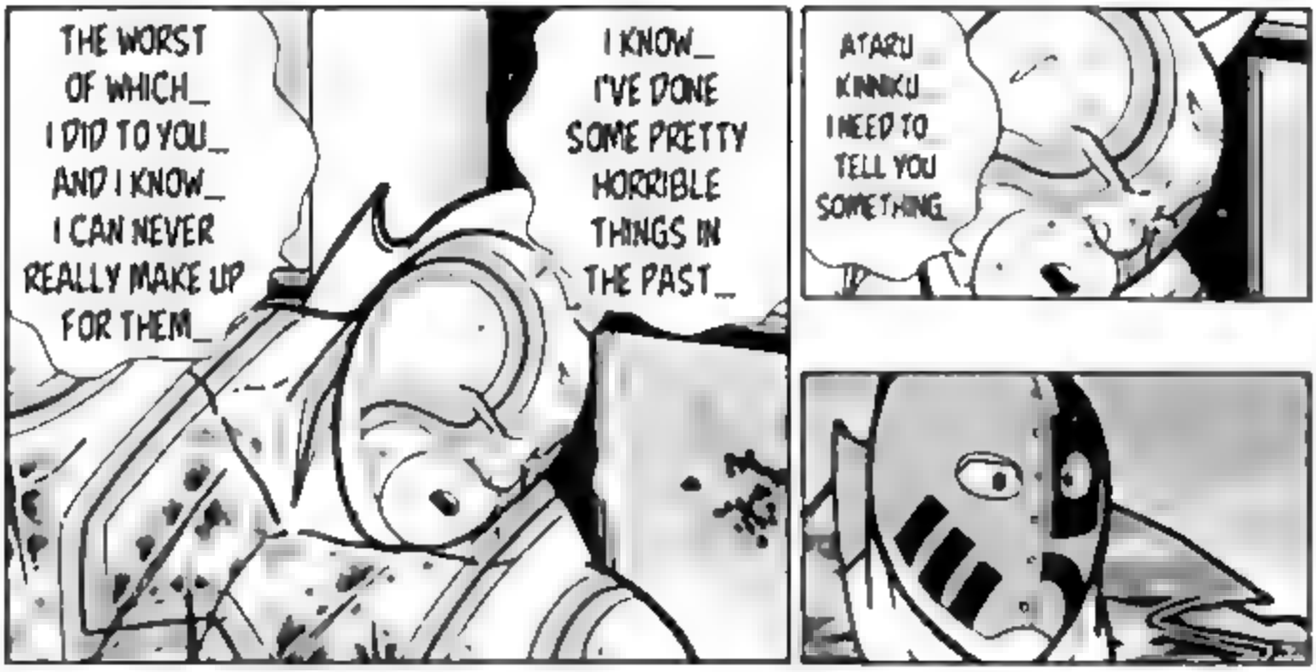
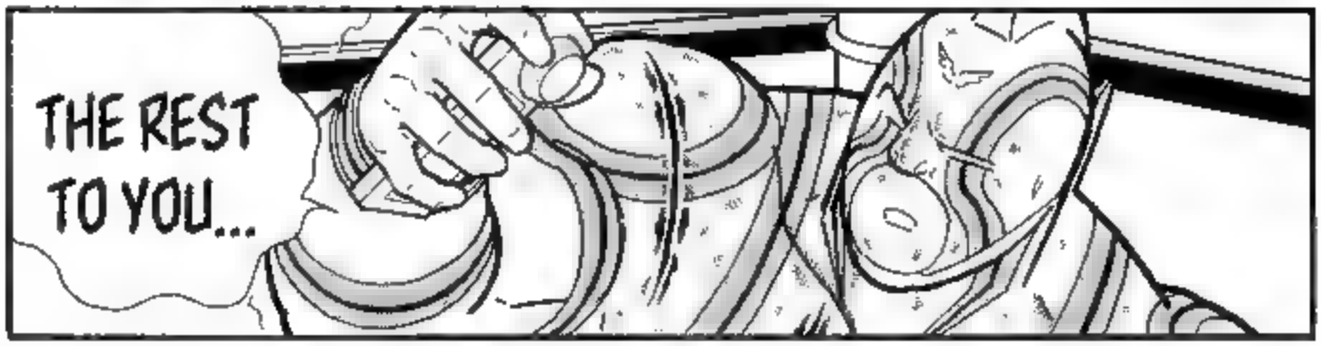
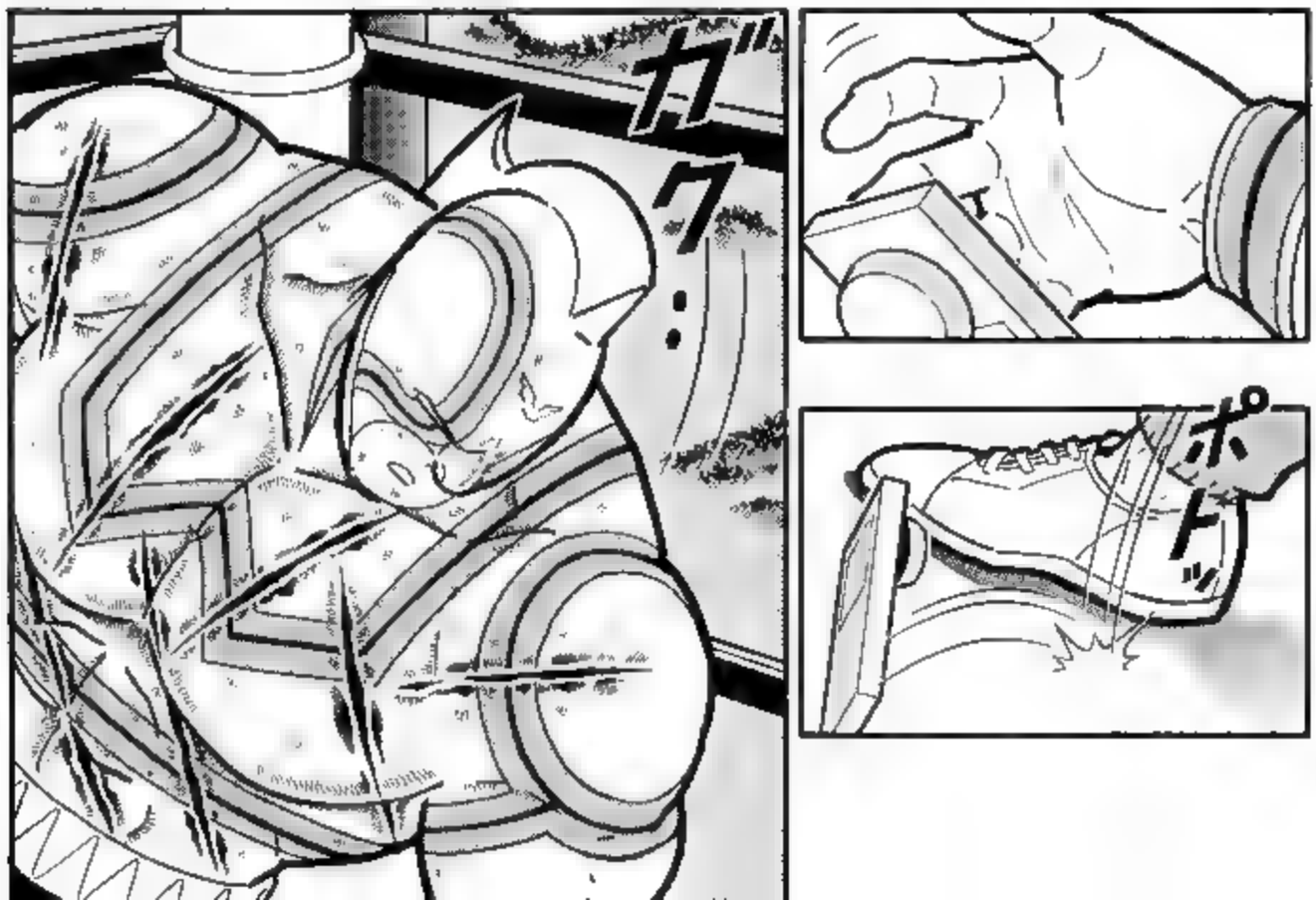

THE WORST OF WHICH_ I DID TO YOU_ AND I KNOW_ I CAN NEVER REALLY MAKE UP FOR THEM_
I KNOW_ I'VE DONE SOME PRETTY HORRIBLE THINGS IN THE PAST_
ATARU KINNIKU I NEED TO TELL YOU SOMETHING

PHOENIX...
BUT_ I JUST HOPE YOU KNOW... THAT I'M ONLY HERE_
FOR THE SAME REASON YOU ARE...

AND THAT'S WHAT A TRUE MAN DOES. HE DOESN'T JUST SPEAK, HE ACTS...
EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE TODAY'S ALREADY SHOWN ME HOW YOU FEEL.
I KNOW. YOU DON'T NEED TO TELL ME.
YOU'RE ONE SHARP SOLDIER...
HEH... NOTHING GETS BY YOU...
THEN YOU KNOW WHAT WE'VE GOT TO DO...

I KNOW I CAN LEAVE...


THE REST TO YOU...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PHOENIX!
IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU NEED FOR THIS TAG MATCH?
WELL THEN, I'D SAY WE'VE GOT OUR RING.
MARIQUITA!
NO, NOT AT ALL, THAT RING WILL DO FINE!

I'D LIKE TO FINISH THIS MATCH BEFORE SUNSET!
WE HOPE YOU ALSO MAKE IT THERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
WE'LL BE GOING ON AHEAD IF YOU DON'T MIND!
KYAMI!
WE SHALL AWAIT YOU AT SEKIGAHARA!

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BROCKEN...
KINNIKUMAN!
I WAS SURE I'D HAVE TO FIGHT WITH ATARU AGAINST THOSE OMEGAS...
I GOTTA BE HONEST, I WASN'T EXPECTING ATARU TO PULL YOU OUT OF THAT HOLE!
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO LEAVE THAT ALL UP TO YOU.

VAHT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?
VEE ALL HAVE BEEN STUCK INSIDE MUSCLEHAM PALACE THIS WHOLE TIME.
ITCHING TO GET OUT AND HELP IN ANY VHAY WE COULD!

I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT THAT...

O-OH, BROCKEN...

I SHOULD BE THANKING YOU, KINNIKU-MAN!
IF ANYTHING I'M GLAD I'LL FINALLY GET TO DO SOMEHING NOW!

BESIDES, YOU NEED ME TO TAKE OVER FOR YOU, RIGHT?

I VILL DO MY VERY BEST TO BE OF BETTER HELP TO CAPTAIN SOLDIER ZAN YOU COULD'VE BEEN!
SO DON'T YOU VHORRY!

WOW... THANK YOU, BROCKEN!

I SWEAR I'LL DO MY PART FOR OUR TAG TEAM!
SO JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!

SO JUST TAKE AS LONG AS YOU NEED TO REST.
YOU'VE ALREADY DONE MORE ZAN ENOUGH_

DON'T FORGET ABOUT ME!
WAIT A DAMN SEC!

I'VE GOT SOME THINGS I WANNA SAY!

WOLFMAN!

LISTEN, BROCKEN!
Spain, Barcelona, Sagrada Familia
WE WERE SUPPOSED TO FIGHT THE 20 MILLION POWERS, BUT NEVER GOT THE CHANCE TO SHOW WHAT WE COULD DO!
REMEMBER BACK WHEN WE FORMED OUR OWN TAG TEAM, "THE MOST DANGEROUS COMBO"?
THERE'S NEVER BEEN A DAY WHERE I'VE NEVER REGRETTED THAT!
AND HOW IT ENDED FOR US!
JAWOHL... I COULD NEVER FORGOT OUR TAG TEAM

IT SUCKS THAT I'M IN THE SAME BOAT AS KINNIKUMAN AND CAN'T DO MUCH NOW.
AGAINST SOME PRETTY POWERFUL CHOUJIN...
BUT NOW YOU'RE GETTING READY TO FIGHT TO DEFEND THE FATE OF THE CHOUJIN WORLD

SO I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU

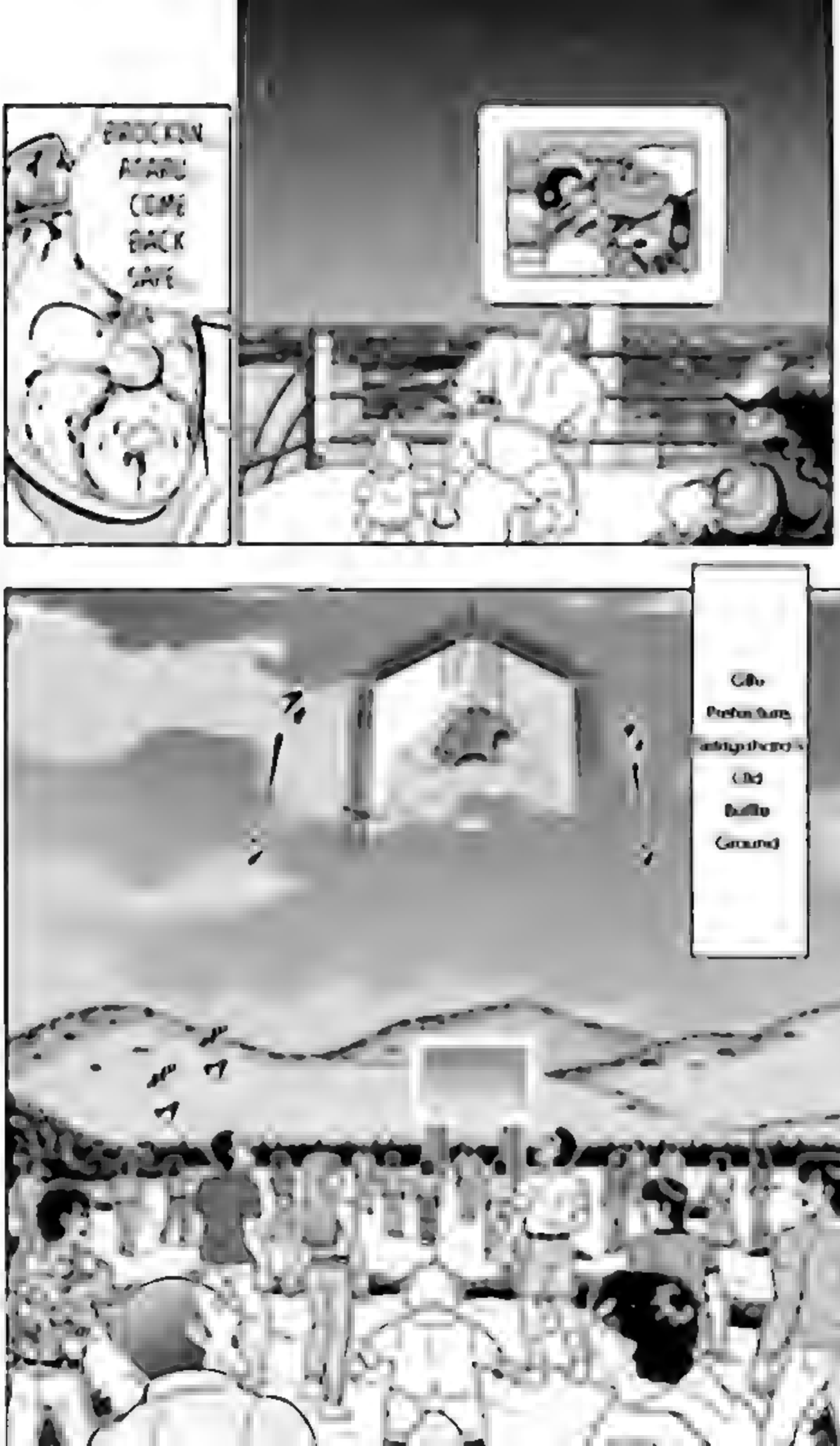
THAT YOU BETTER WIN THIS!

JUST YOU WHAIT AND SEE!
NOW I'LL FIGHT HARDER TO MAKE UP FOR ZAT DAY OF SHAME!
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TELLING ME ZAT!

JA, ALRIGHT ZEN!
I THINK IT'S TIME WE GET A MOVE ON, BROCKEN.

GOODBYE FOR NOW, PHOENIX.

TAAAH!
YAAAH!


BROCKEN
AWAKE
COME
BACK
SAFE

LOOK! UP IN THE SKY!
FINALLY, I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR A MATCH LIKE THIS...
I MIGHT NOT BE FIGHTING KINNIKUMAN HIMSELF,
BUT FIGHTING HIS BROTHER WHO HAS THE SAME POWER AS HIM WILL MORE THAN DO.

ALONG THE PATH TOWARDS WHAT WE TRULY WANT...
YES... BUT IT'S STILL JUST A STEPPING STONE
I KNOW HOW MANY YEARS YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT, SO I'M PRETTY EXCITED TO SEE YOU FINALLY GET IT MYSELF.
YEAH, IT'S PRETTY MUCH THE MATCH YOU'VE BEEN HOPING FOR.

TO KILL THE MAN.

I SHOULD LET YOU KNOW THAT I BELIEVE IN WHAT SOLDIER SAID
INDEED, BUT WITH YOU HERE, I WON'T HAVE TO SHOULDER THAT BURDEN ON MY OWN...
TO THAT CHOUJIN HE SUMMONED ABOUT TRUST.

IT WOULDN'T BE A STRETCH TO SAY THAT THE FATE OF OUR WORLD HANGS ON THIS MATCH.
WELL OBVIOUSLY, BUT IT'S A PRETTY DAMN IMPORTANT STEPPING STONE.
AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT I THINK.

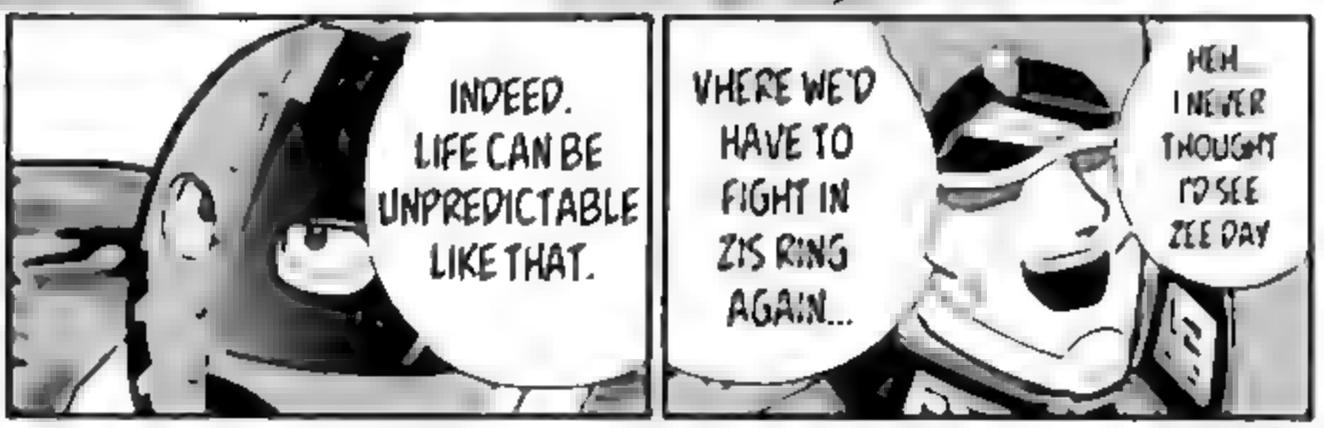
THAT I COULD TRUST WITH MY LIFE THAN YOU.
I COULDN'T THINK OF A BETTER TAG PARTNER

DON'T YOU WORRY, ARISTERA!
I'M COUNTING ON YOU, MARIQUITA!

ABOUT TIME, TOO.
HMPH, THEY'RE HERE!

YOU WOULDN'T THINK WE'D BE BACK HERE AGAIN, WOULD YOU?
JA... BUT HERE VEE ARE...
THEY'RE HERE TO OVERCOME THEIR FATE!

THE TAG MATCH THAT ALL HANGS ON!?


INDEED. LIFE CAN BE UNPREDICTABLE LIKE THAT.
WHERE WE'D HAVE TO FIGHT IN ZIS RING AGAIN...
HEH... I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE ZEE DAY

LISTEN, SOLDIER...

I KNOW ZAT VEE ARE FIGHTING AS ZEE FULL METAL JACKETS TODAY, BUT I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL
ZAT VEE'RE ALSO FIGHTING FOR ZEE CHOUJIN BLOOD BROTHERS BRIGADE AS VHELL.

I MUST NOT LOSE...!
FOR ZHEIR SAKE... I CANNOT LOSE...

FOR OUR BLOOD BROTHERS WHO COULDN'T BE HERE...
SO... I'LL HAVE TO DO MY BEST

CAPTAIN SOLDIER?
DON'T GET TOO CARRIED AWAY THERE, BROCKEN
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, I FEEL THAT WAY TOO
THIS MIGHT BE THE SAME RING, BUT THE MARCH IT MOVED IS ALREADY OVER.
IT'S GOT NO BEARING ON THE MISSION WE'VE GOT AT HAND TODAY
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF LOSING IN THE SAME RING TWICE.
BUT WE CAN'T AFFORD TO GET TOO OBSESSED WITH UNDOING OUR PAST.

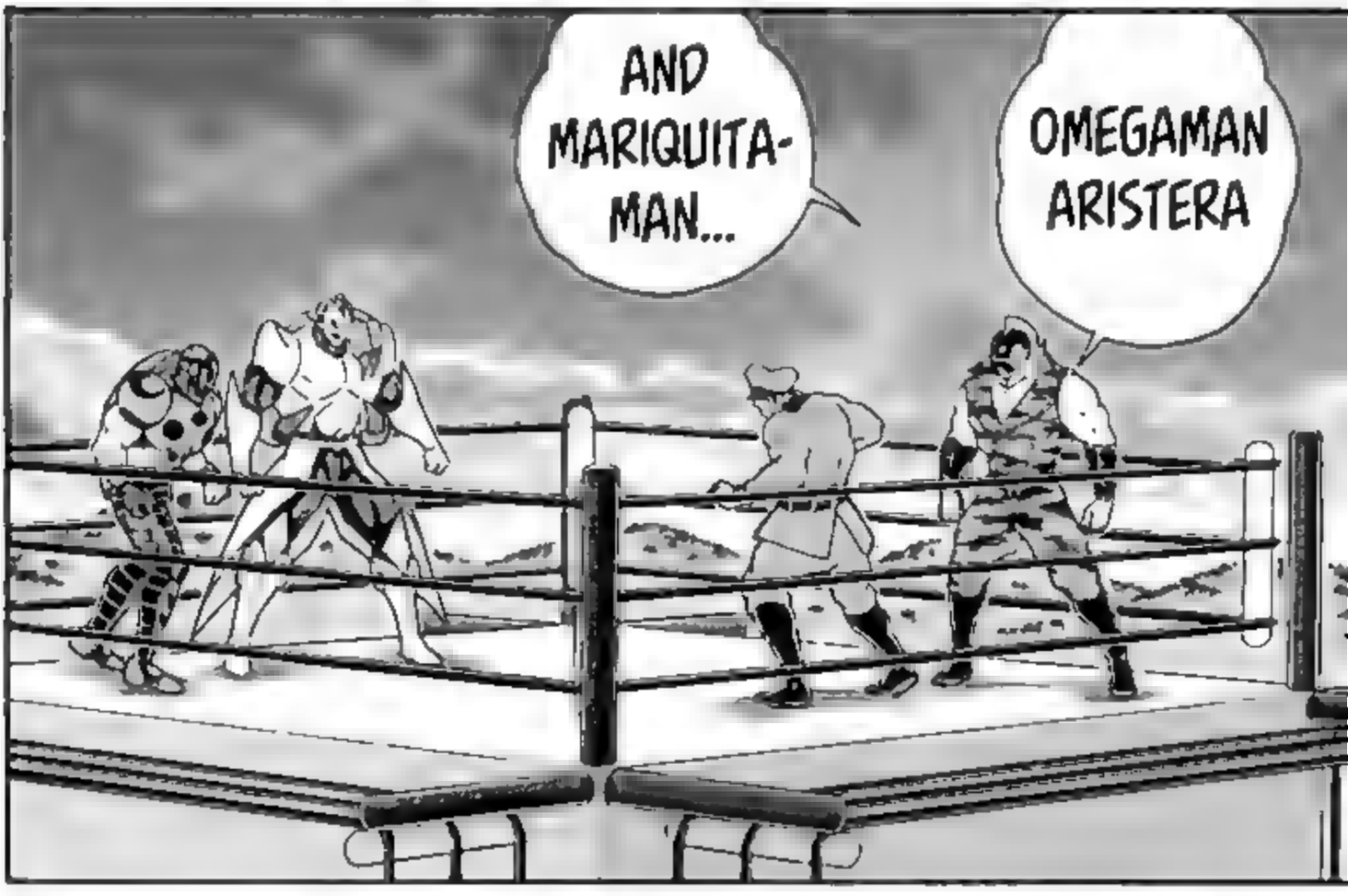
MY BEST SKILL...?
FROM SHOWING YOUR BEST SKILL.
I JUST WANT YOU TO REMEMBER THAT AND NOT LET IT HOLD YOU BACK

FIGHT IN WHATEVER WAY YOU CAN THINK OF!
BROCKEN JR! I WANT YOU TO FIGHT WITH NOTHING HOLDING YOU BACK!

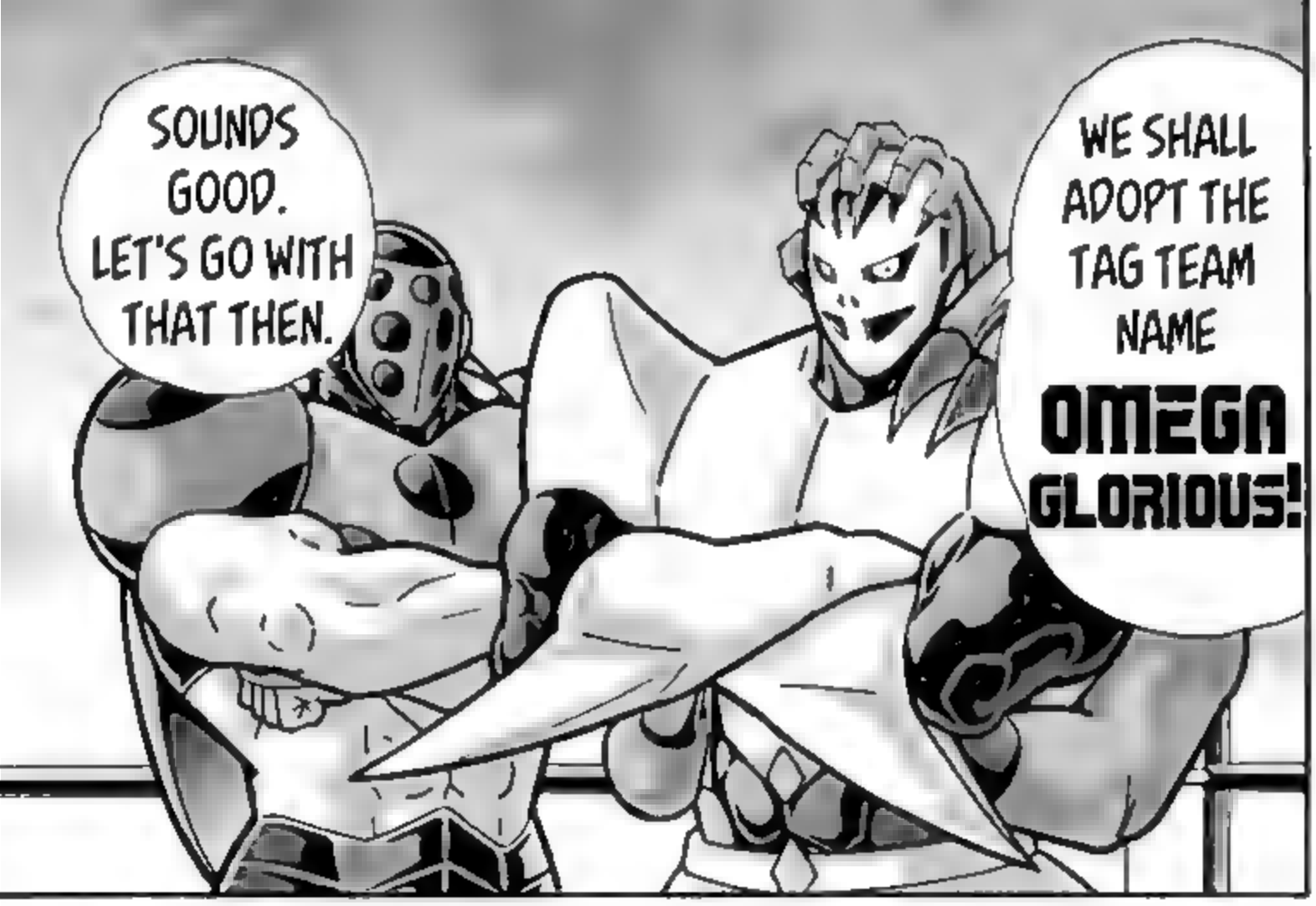
YES SIR!
THOSE ARE MY ORDERS FOR YOU.
THEN LET'S MOVE OUT!
IS THAT UNDERSTOOD, BROCKEN?

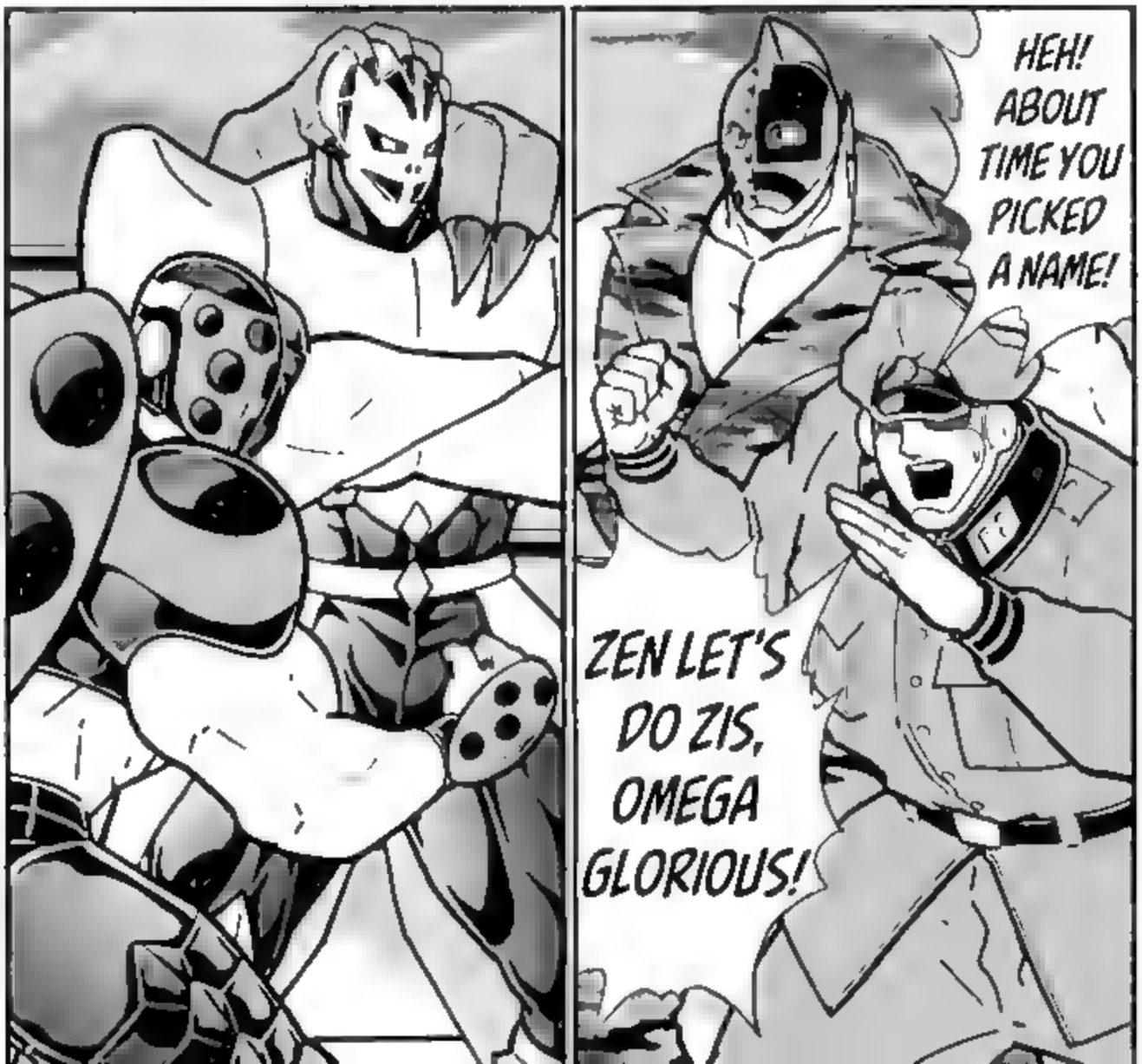
THEY'RE JUMPING UP TO THAT
TAAAH!
YAAAH!

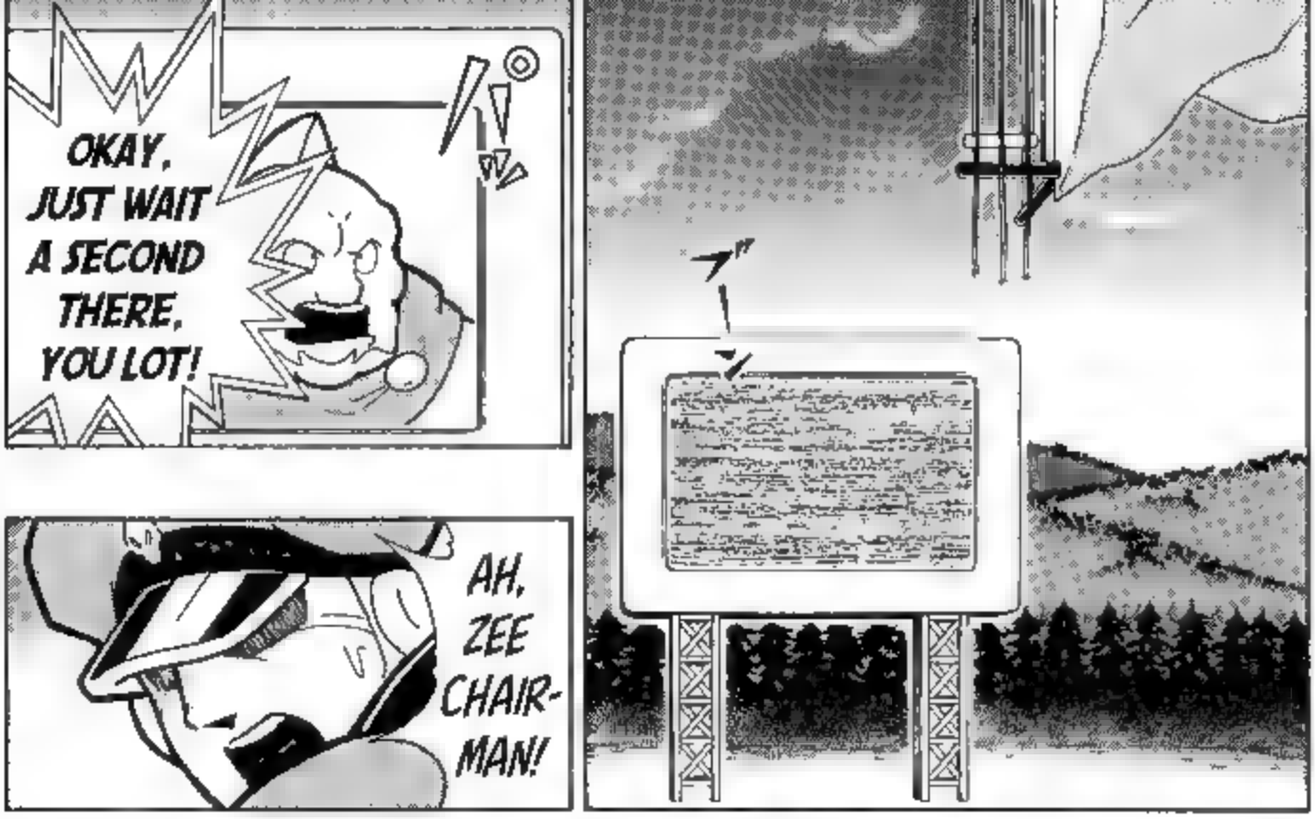
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!


AND MARIQUITA-MAN...
OMEGAMAN ARISTERA

WE'LL NEED ONE AS WELL THEN. SO FOR NOW...
HMM... FULL METAL JACKETS... THAT REALLY IS A GOOD TEAM NAME.


SOUNDS GOOD. LET'S GO WITH THAT THEN.
WE SHALL ADOPT THE TAG TEAM NAME
OMEGA GLORIOUS!


HEH! ABOUT TIME YOU PICKED A NAME!
ZEN LET'S DO ZIS, OMEGA GLORIOUS!


OKAY, JUST WAIT A SECOND THERE, YOU LOT!
AH, ZEE CHAIR-MAN!

IF WE, THE UNIVERSAL CHOUJIN COMMITTEE, DO SOME LONG DISTANCE REFEREEING FOR YOUR TAG MATCH?
I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU ALL DON'T MIND IT

DO WHATEVER YOU WANT!
WE'D ACTUALLY BE RATHER GRATEFUL IF YOU DID!

FEEL FREE TO GO CRAZY, MARIQUITA.
AND WE'RE BACK, FOLKS! WE'RE FINALLY AT WHERE THE TAG MATCH BETWEEN THE REMAINING OMEGAS AND THE JUSTICE CHOUJIN WILL BE HELD!
IT LOOKS LIKE THE FIRST MEMBER OF "OMEGA GLORIOUS" TO FIGHT WILL BE MARIQUIAMAN!
THEY'VE GATHERED AT THE REACTIVED CUBE RING
CURRENTLY FLOATING OVER THE OLD SEKIGAHARA BATTLE-GROUND!
KYAMI!

AND IT LOOKS LIKE THE FIRST FULL METAL JACKET TO FIGHT WILL BE SOLDIER!
BROCKEN, I THINK YOU SHOULD FIRST WATCH HOW THEY FIGHT!

ARE YOU SURE?
VHAIT, CAPTAIN! LET ME GO FIRST!

HAH HAH

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I'LL SHOW YOU JUST HOW SURE I AM!

Y-YES SIR!
GET READY TO RING THE BELL, KNOCK!
WILL BE BROCKEN JR.!
WAIT, I WAS WRONG! THE FIRST FULL METAL JACKET TO FIGHT

Japan, Gifu,
Old Sekigahara
Battleground
"OMEGA GLORIOUS"
OMEGAMAN ARISTERA
AND
MARIQUITAMAN
(OMEGA CENTAURI'S
SIX SPEARS)
VS
"FULL METAL JACKETS"
KINNIKUMAN SOLDIER
AND
BROCKEN JR.
(JUSTICE CHOUJIN)

TOAH!
AND WITH THE BELL RUNG, THE TAG MATCH HAS STARTED
AND THE FIRST WRESTLERS IN THE RING ARE RUSHING TO GET FIGHTING!
TOAH!
TOAH!
KYAMI!

BUT MARQUITAMAN IS DODGING THEM WITHOUT BREAKIG A SWEAT!
AND BROCKEN JR. STARTS OFF WITH A FRANTIC BARRAGE OF CHOPS!
KYAMI!
KYAMI!
TEYAH!
TOAH!
KYAMIAH!
OR BETTER YET, TAKE ZIS! RED RAIN...
HEY! TAKE ZIS MATCH SERIOUSLY!

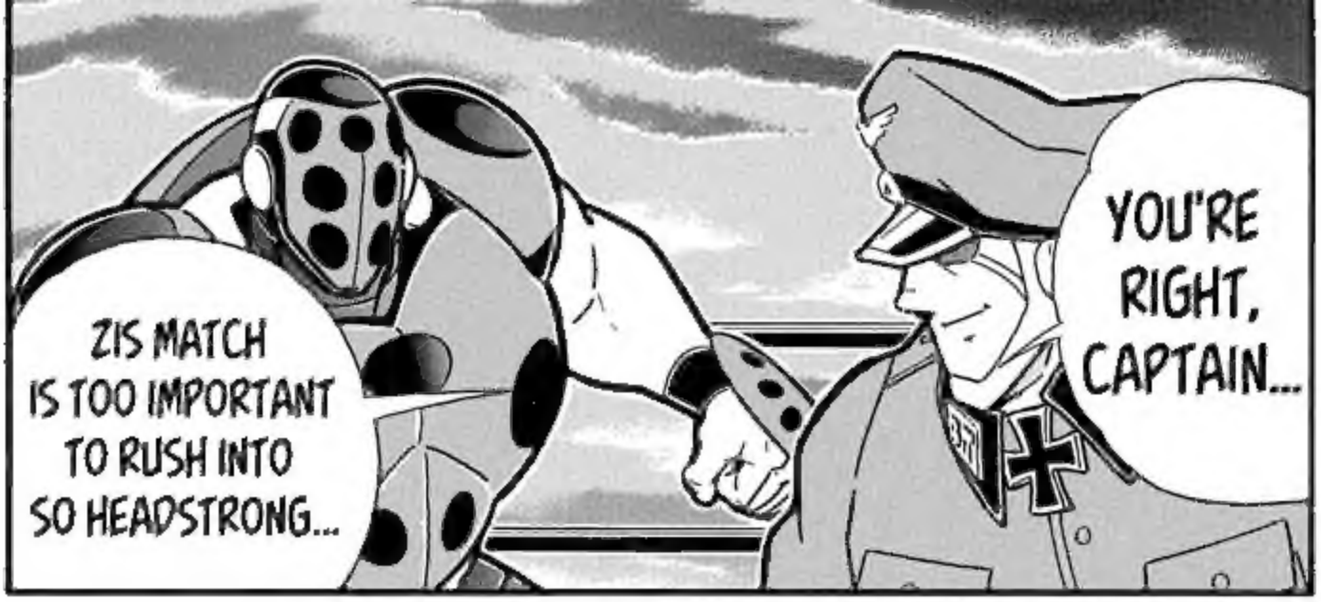
MARQUITAMAN'S STOPPED BROCKEN JR.'S RED RAIN OF BERLIN WITH HIS BARE HANDS!
YOU CALL THAT AN ATTACK?
LISTEN, KID, IF YOU WANT TO ATTACK SOMEONE...

URGH!
URGH!
GUH!
YOU DO IT LIKE THIS!
MARIQUITAMAN'S POUNDING BROCKEN JR.'S STOMACH WITH A STORM OF KNEE STRIKES!
AND WHEN YOU'RE DONE, GIVE THEM A LITTLE GOING-AWAY PRESENT!
GERH!

AND HE FINISHES HIS KNEE STRIKE ASSAULT WITH A ROLLING SAVATE!
KYAMIAH!
IT... IT'LL TAKE MORE ZAN ZIS TO TAKE ME DOWN!
GACK!
AND I VHON'T LET HIM OR MY BLOOD BROTHERS DOWN...
CAPTAIN SOLDIER PICKED ME BECAUSE HE THOUGHT I VHAS HIS BEST CHOICE!
BROCKEN JR.'S LOOKING A LITTLE SHAKY!

I LOSE HERE AND IT'LL BE LIKE IF ZEE WHOLE BRIGADE LOST!
AND I CAN'T LET ZAT...

HEY, BROCKEN?


ZIS MATCH IS TOO IMPORTANT TO RUSH INTO SO HEADSTRONG...
YOU'RE RIGHT, CAPTAIN...

I CAN SEE THAT NOW, CAPTAIN! I'M FINALLY READY TO FIGHT SERIOUSLY!
A SHOT OF FIGHTING SPIRIT'S AWAKEN HIM!!